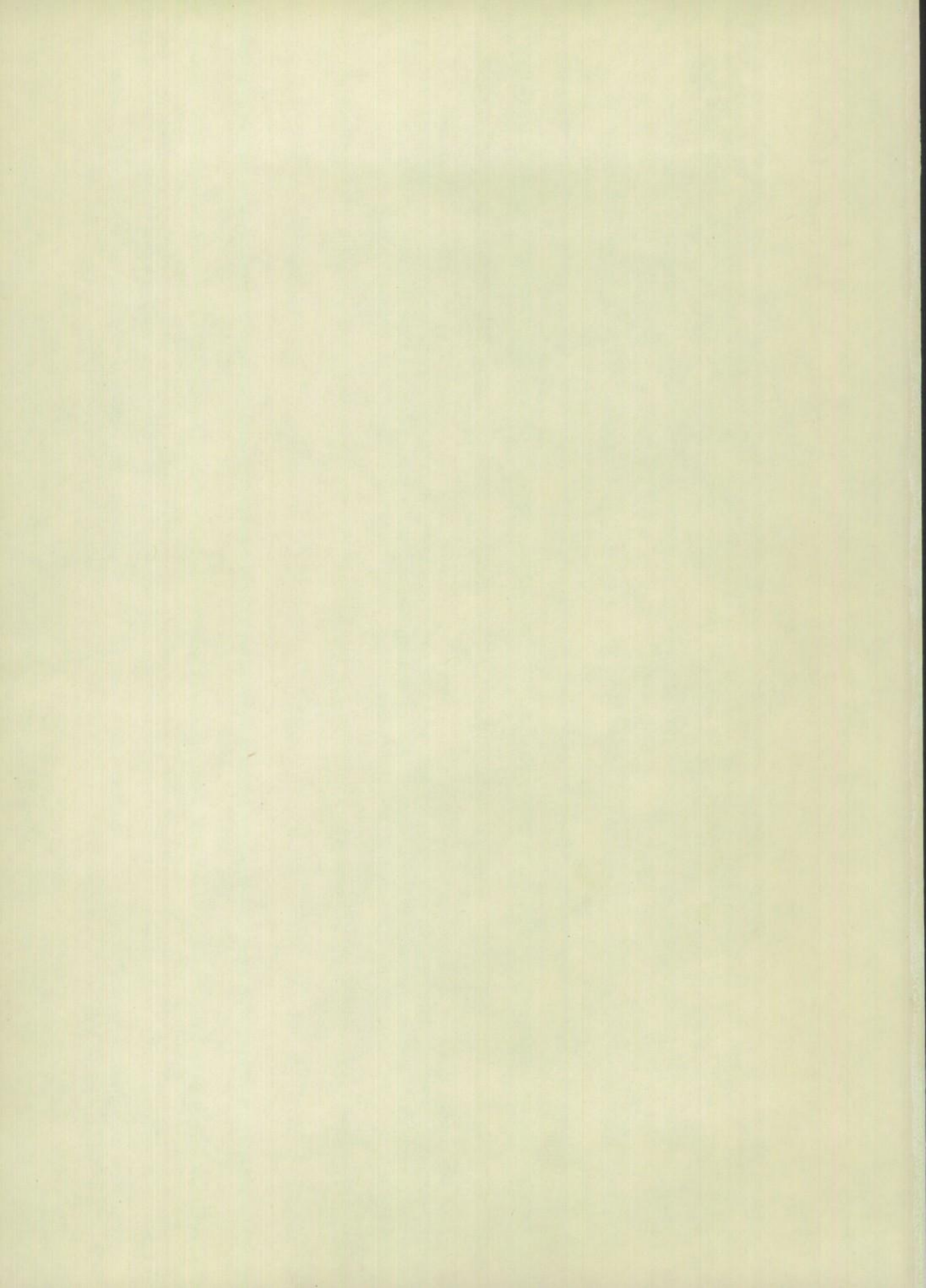


ATTENDRE

1955



Each student in high school receives a copy of the Atodnem. From the activity ticket funds a certain per cent is transferred to the senior class — approximately enough to pay for the covers, without binding. The rest of the money is raised by the seniors — building on what is left in the treasury from previous years. (After paying for the Junior Prom!) Proceeds from their class play, the magazine sales, the broadcasting sales, and the concession stands at games, build slowly toward the needed total of over two thousand dollars. We salute each and every senior who loyally worked at these projects, for without the dependable co-operation of all seniors this book could not have been produced.

Presented by the Senior Class of
MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL
Mendota, Illinois

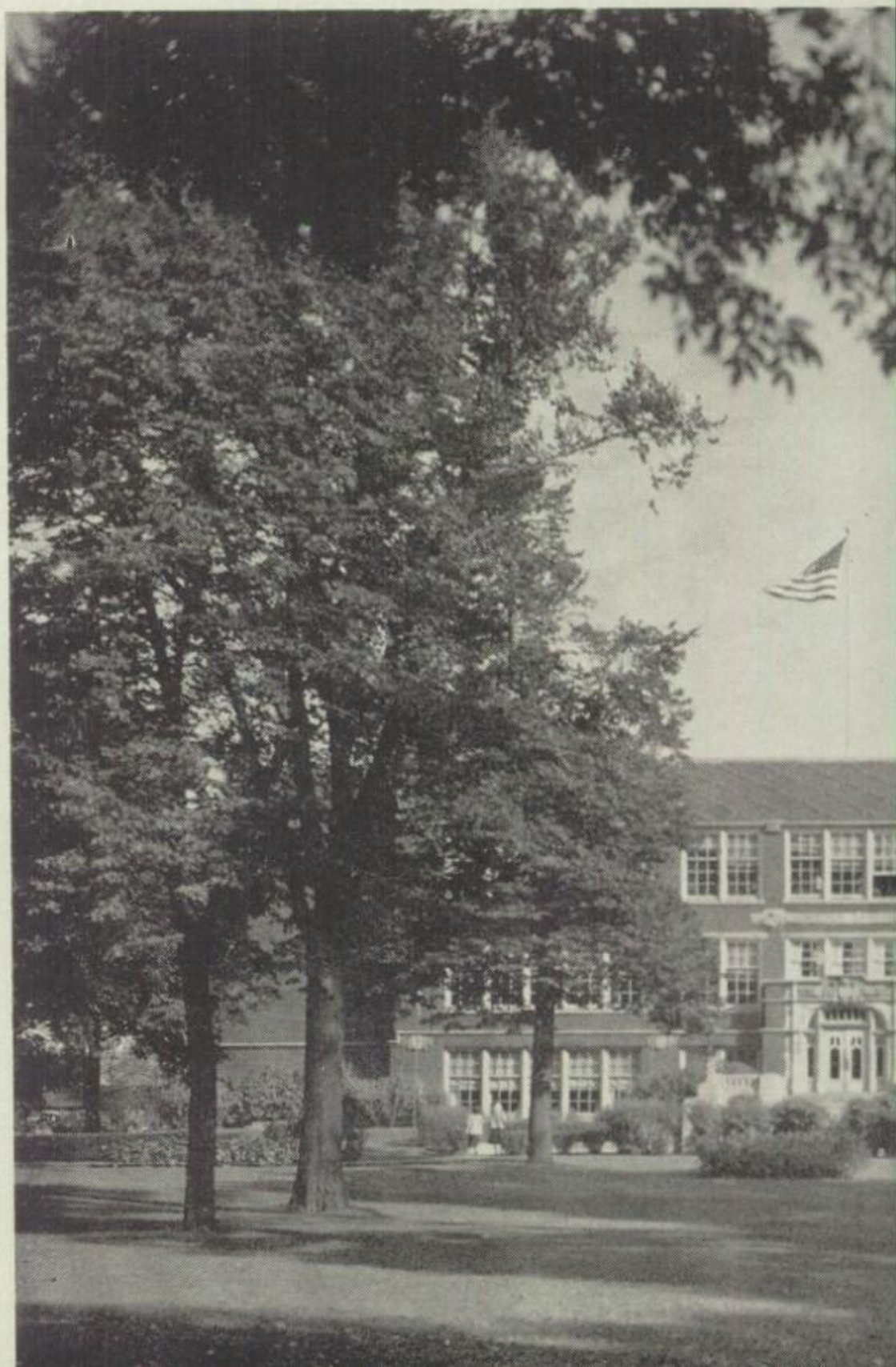
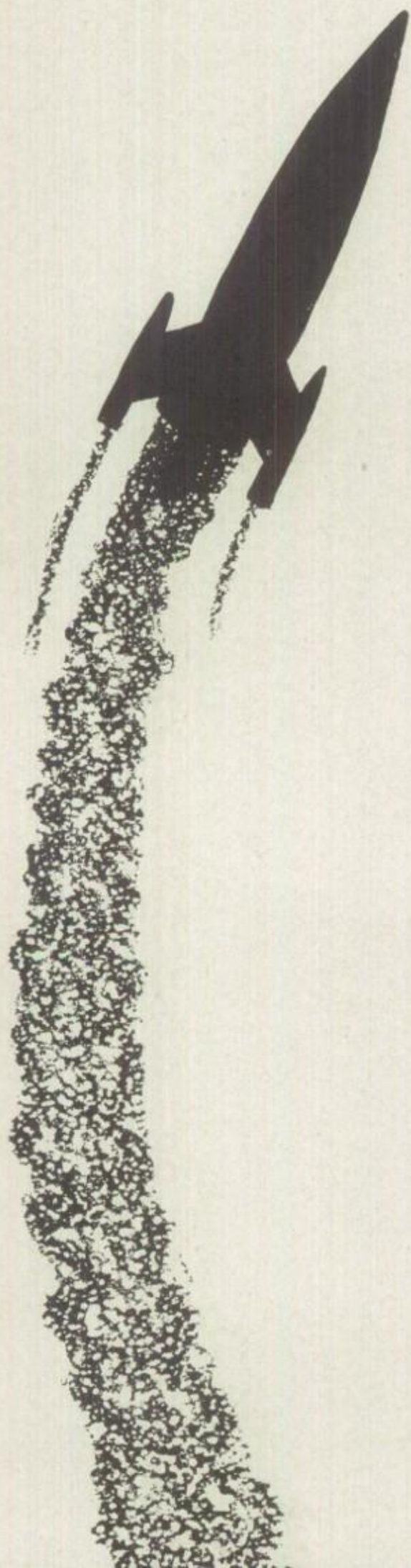


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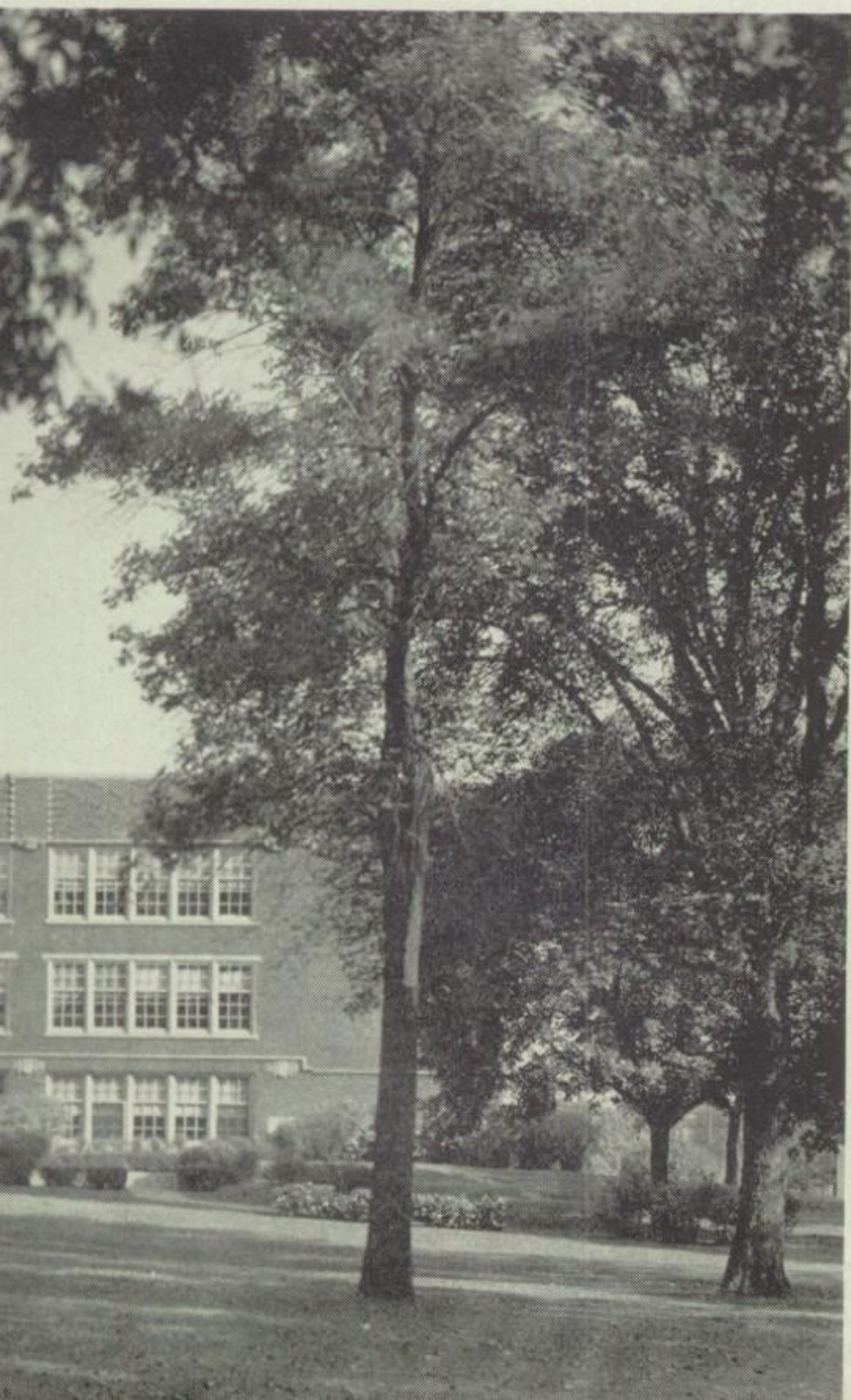
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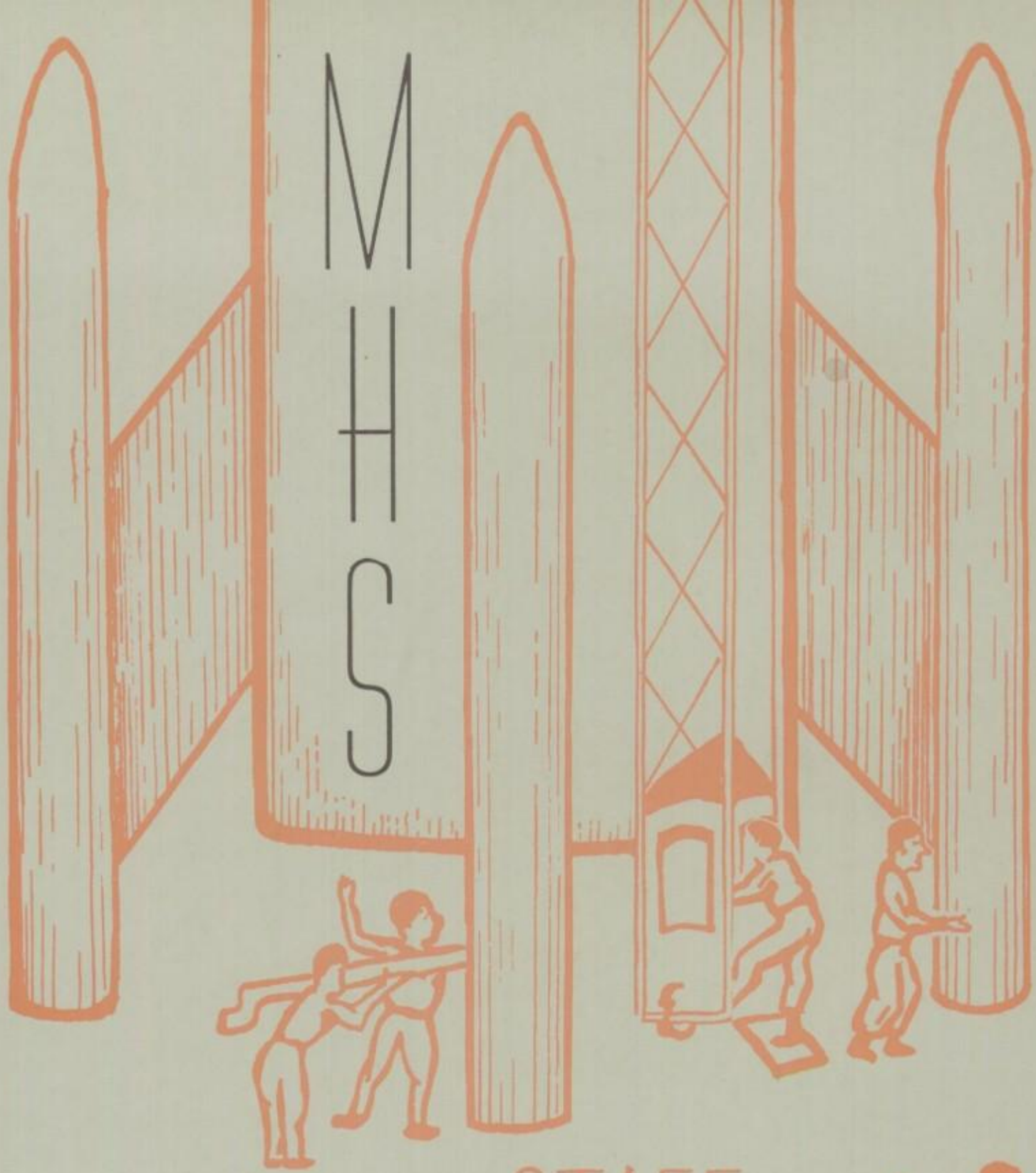
Even before the days of Columbus, Man has been looking for new worlds to conquer. After America was discovered, there came the Westward Movement. Then Man, still searching, turned to outer space and began building ROCKETS.

Not only are they a means of conquering the physical world, but ROCKETS are also symbolic of Man's future conquests in all fields of endeavor.

With this thought in mind, and with the hope that our high school education will have better prepared us to share in the progress of the world, we dedicate the 1955 Atodnem.

—Editors

"TOWARD WIDER HORIZONS"

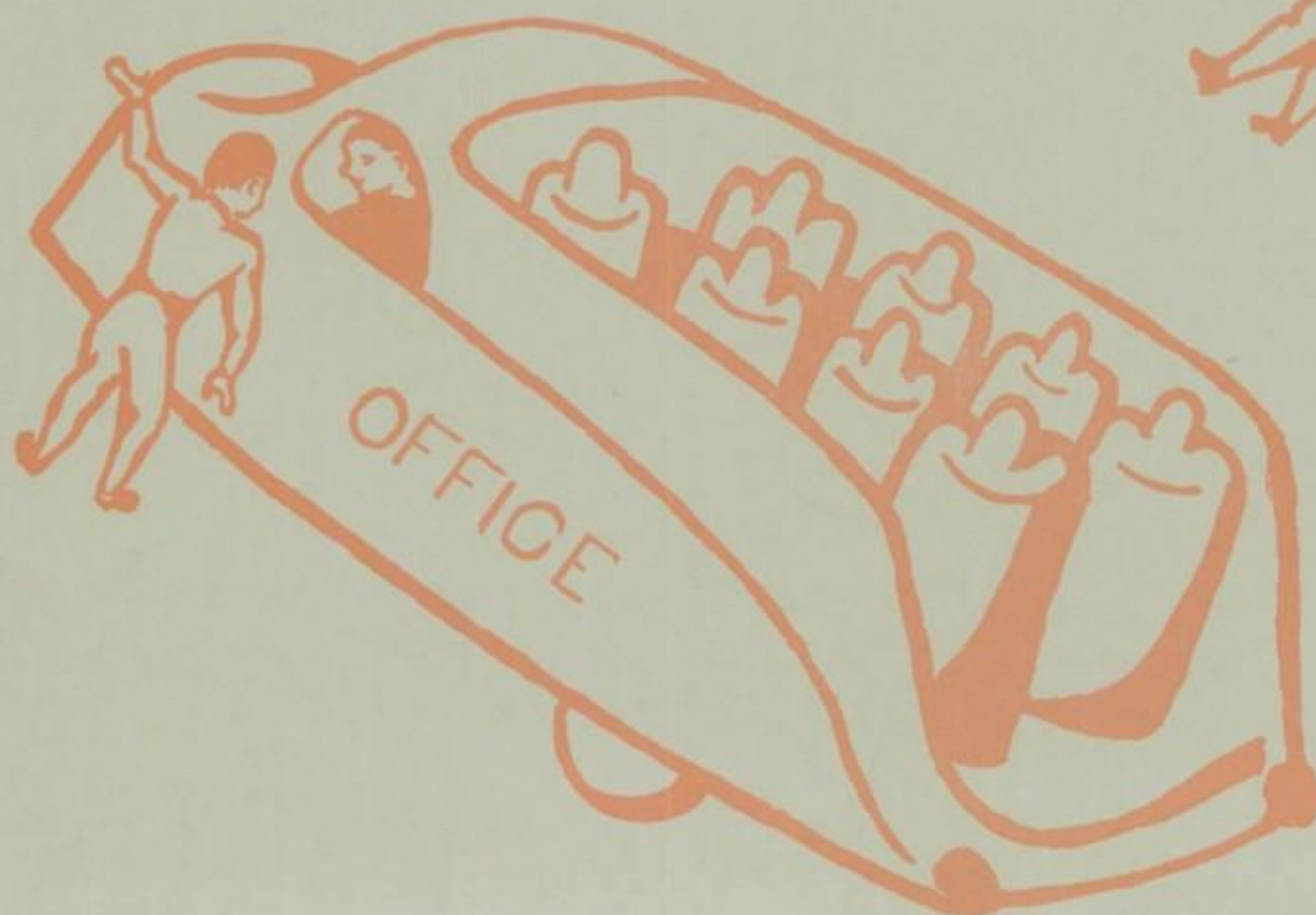
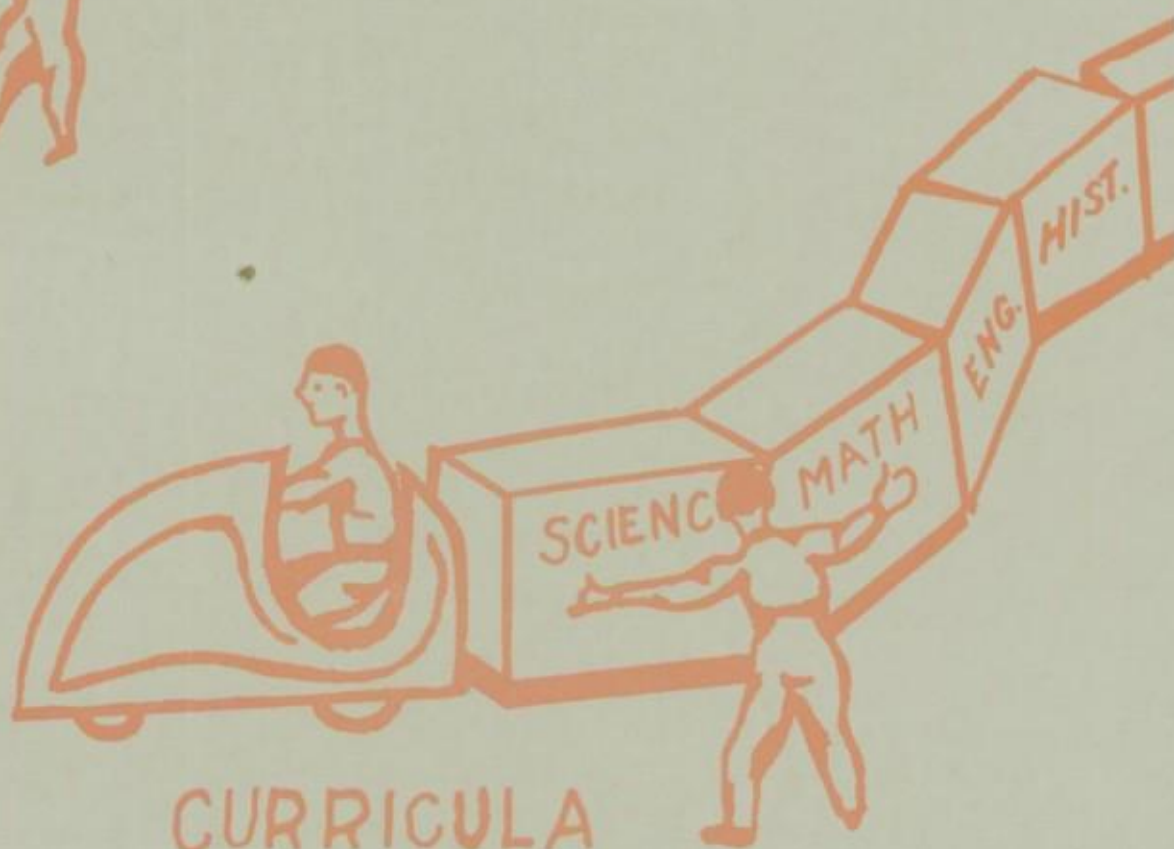


STAFF



FACULTY

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BACK ROW: George Koerper, Edward Baker, Willard Deaner, Roy Doll, business manager
FRONT ROW: James Dubbs, M. E. Steele, principal, Laurence Watson, Harold Dean
Absent when picture was taken, Dutton Gove

SCHOOL BOARD

Public education is a co-operative enterprise. It is distinguished by the united effort of eager students, qualified teachers, interested patrons, and board members who desire to serve their community. Fortunately, the Mendota High School has been served by board members who were aware of the great contribution that public education can make to the individual and the nation. We salute our fine board members, past and present, and commend the foresight which has provided outstanding educational opportunity for the youth of Mendota.

Many of the tasks facing a board are time consuming and require long hours spent in working, planning, and making decisions. Our

board members, President Harold Dean, Edward Baker, George Koerper, Laurence Watson, James Dubbs, Dutton Gove, and Willard Deaner gave unstintingly of their time and effort. Thanks to their interest, we have one of the most beautiful campuses in northern Illinois. Other chores were the responsibility of seeing that we have a complete faculty and staff and providing a fleet of fine buses. The upkeep of the building itself and many other jobs, just as important, kept the board busy all year.

The goal of these men has been to provide that we may become the better citizens of tomorrow. Our goal is to prove that they have not planned in vain.

THEY SET THE POLICIES FOR MHS

ADMINISTRATION

Dear Seniors:

Good-byes are always tinged with tragic solemnity in that friendships built up by mutual good will and identity of purpose are broken asunder.

I have said farewell to more than forty graduation classes, but somehow this is the most difficult farewell I have ever made. Perhaps it is because I have known you since kindergarten age, or perhaps it is because this is the last farewell I will ever make to a graduation class, for this is also farewell to my life's work of providing educational opportunities for youth.

It has been my constant effort to provide the best opportunities possible for the youth of Mendota in both the course of study and quality of teachers.

Somehow or other, I feel that you will justify the faith that I have vested in you. Many times the immortality of teachers depends upon the fame of their students. I retire with the feeling that those who have passed through the portals of the Mendota High School are better citizens for having done so.

My fondest farewell to all and my last wish for you is in this poem:

**"I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all — the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up and laugh and love and lift."**

For twenty-eight years Mr. Steele has headed our busy workers and has been the center of the school's activities. In these many years he has done an excellent job of keeping Mendota one of the best run schools in the state. He has been the connecting link between the school board and the school. Upon his shoulders rest the responsibilities of carrying out the policies set forth by the Board of Education. He has won many honors as being one of the most efficient and progressive administrators in the state, and he is always working for the general advancement of education. He has dedicated his life to the education of youth.

For these reasons and many more we will all be very sad to see Mr. Steele leave MHS. He has given the school much to be proud of, and in turn we are very proud of Mr. Steele. He plans on staying until September, and then he will go into retirement.

Since this is Mr. Steele's last year with MHS, we think it is proper that the students be informed about a man we all should be proud of.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Steele first attended a one-room school which did not offer the best



MAURICE E. STEELE
Superintendent of Schools
Principal

educational opportunities. Knowing Mr. Steele, we can understand that it was his determination which helped him succeed in spite of difficulties. He was graduated from an academy in southern Indiana in 1910. From there he attended Valparaiso University where he received two of his five degrees. He was graduated in 1915 as class president with high honors. He then attended different schools such as the University of Chicago, Columbia University in New York, and Oakland City College in Indiana. Mr. Steele holds five degrees, B.M., B.S., A.B., Ph.B., and M.A., and has done additional work on his Doctor's degree at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Steele was the principal in Grayville, Illinois, where he met his wife, the former Ruth Feller. He then went to Albion, Illinois, and later became superintendent of both these schools. Then, enlisting as a buck private in 1917, he was in the army for over a year. He earned a first lieutenancy and served as an instructor in the officers' training school at West Point.

After the war, Mr. Steele went to Lacon, Illinois, where he was superintendent for seven years. He then became superintendent of schools of Mendota and principal of the high school, having been selected from about 208 applicants.

During these twenty-eight years many improvements have been made to our school

MHS LOSES ITS TWO TOP MEN

system. Some of these are the addition of the cafeteria, the athletic field, the new Lincoln school, the high school gymnasium, the new Blackstone school, our guidance program at high school, our enlarged curriculum, the introduction of the Diversified Occupations course, and many, many more. Mr. Steele's objective has been to give every student the best chance for educational advancement possible.

Superintendent Steele has been an active member of educational groups since his first teaching job in Edwards County. He is a past president of the Illinois Division of the Illinois State Teachers Association, and has been president of the Illinois City Superintendents Association.

Aside from his educational work, Mr. Steele has found time for fraternal and civic activities including interest in child welfare. He has been awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest honor that can be given a civilian in Boy Scout work. He is also a past president of the Mendota Kiwanis Club and a member of the Elks as well as several state and national organizations. He holds an honorary membership in the Horace Mann League of America. He has been listed in Who's Who for many years.

Mr. Steele has indeed fulfilled his life ambition to help youth, as hundreds of graduates, past and present, can personally testify. Sadly we say, "Good-bye, Mr. Steele, God bless you."

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Reluctant good-byes are also in order to our second "gentleman from Indiana", Mr. Mauntel, who is retiring this year after twenty-five years of teaching in Mendota. First as instructor and then as assistant principal, Mr. Mauntel has carried a heavy burden throughout his years here. He has taken care of disciplinary problems, was Dean of Boys, was overseer in the cafeteria, and sponsored the noon candy sales. As an administrator, he helped organize schedules of classes and assigned their duties to the faculty. He was a senior adviser and was always ready with helpful advice and constructive suggestions. In fact, whether at a game, a party, or just every day in the halls, Mr. Mauntel was always on the job to see that "things went right."

Mr. Mauntel received his primary and secondary education in Indiana. He did his college work at Purdue University, the University of Indiana, the University of Michigan, the American University of Washington, D.C., and Oakland City College. In addition to his A.B. degree, he holds the degree of M.S. in Education from the University of Indiana.

Before coming to Mendota, Mr. Mauntel was principal in Winslow, Indiana, for three years. He was in the army during the First World War, and in the Second World War he was a Field Director of the American Red Cross. His travels in Europe and Africa gave him a rich background for his work as a social studies teacher.

Besides his busy schedule at school, Mr. Mauntel has many outside interests. He has been active in local Boy Scout and Red Cross work. He participated in the activities of the American Legion; he was a counselor in Boys' State and very much interested in that work.

Mr. Mauntel has hobbies of geology, mineralogy, and photography. He collects books and stamps. He owns and manages a farm in Holland, Indiana, where he will live after leaving Mendota.

Mr. Mauntel has taught many students, and he says he has enjoyed his work immensely. He leave with this closing thought:

"I have enjoyed my work in the past twenty-five years and will always have a feeling of interest for Mendota High School. I wish the students to uphold the principles set forth by the school in the future as they have in the past, for some day they will look back to their high school days with respect and admiration."

We are sure every student, past and present, will remember Mr. Mauntel with respect and admiration. His smile and helpful guidance will be missed greatly in the coming years, but we wish him the best of luck in the future.

HARRY W. MAUNTEL
Assistant Principal
Dean of Boys





HAZEL PAYNE

DEAN OF GIRLS GUIDANCE DIRECTOR

A familiar face around school is that of Miss Hazel Payne. She has had a very colorful teaching career covering a period of twenty-eight years. She has been a member of the faculty of MHS for twelve years. Her teaching has been largely confined to the English department; however, one year she taught two classes of world history.

Miss Payne has been our Dean of Girls for the past eight years. As Guidance Director, she has charge of the school's testing program. She has proved indispensable counseling seniors each year and helping them make plans for the future. This past year she assisted, as class adviser, with the freshmen.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

ROY DOLL

PATTI HEININGER, RUTH KUEHL



Mr. Roy Doll takes care of the business end of MHS affairs. For the last two years he has held the position of Business Manager and has capably performed all the duties that his title suggests. Before that time, he was a commercial instructor at MHS, teaching shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping. Evidently he was too good at bookkeeping, for the office had their eye on him and made him a part of themselves.



"Take a letter, please." "May I have a late slip?" These are familiar phrases our patient and ever-smiling office girls hear. Miss Patti Heininger and Mrs. Ruth Kuehl are our very necessary office secretaries. We don't know what the office, faculty, or students would do without them.

SENIORS WILL REMEMBER COURSES THEY TOOK AND THE INSTRUCTORS WHO TAUGHT THEM

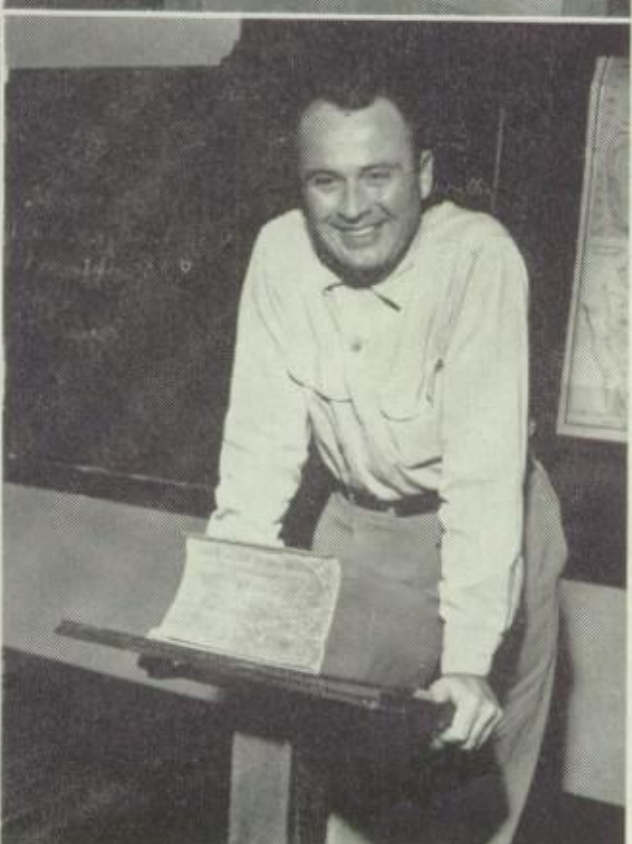
Although we all know a school could not function without the administration department, we realize that the faculty plays just as important a part. Neither the office nor the faculty could be a success without the other. Mendota High School has been gifted with a fine administrative department and an equally fine faculty.

The teaching staff at MHS has grown steadily larger in recent years and has increased since last year. There are now twenty-eight instructors teaching a curriculum that is varied and that has been rated as one of the best in the state. In addition to his teaching duties, each teacher has at least one extra-curricular activity to sponsor.



STEPHEN WARREN
Journalism, English III, Hi-
Light Adviser, Junior Ad-
viser

NANCY GREGORY
Typing I, Bookkeeping,
Business Training, Senior
Adviser



JAMES HEMENWAY
World History, Social Sci-
ence, English I, Freshman
Adviser, Book Store

JOHN DAVIES
U.S. History, World History,
Athletic Equipment, Stu-
dent Council Adviser, Sen-
ior Adviser

VICTOR WEDEMEYER
Art I-II-III-IV, Mechanical Drawing

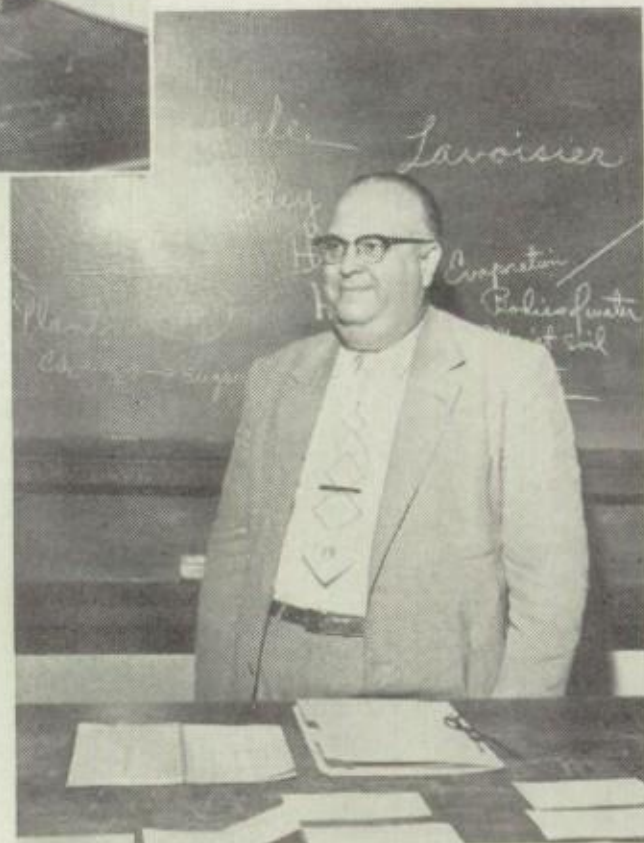


EBEN CAMPBELL
Girls', Boys', and Mixed Chorus

TED LEWIS
General Science, Boys'
Phys. Ed., Freshman Ad-
viser, Varsity Football
Coach, Frosh-Soph Basket-
ball Coach, Assistant Track
Coach



JOE ROLLINS
Diversified Occupations, Drivers Train-
ing, Industrial Arts-Eighth Grade, Assist-
ant Varsity Football Coach



HARRY MAUNTEL
Assistant Principal, Dean of Boys, Eco-
nomics, Candy Sales, Senior Adviser



EULALIA BREESE
Latin I-II, English I, Atodnem Adviser,
Senior Adviser, Broadcasting Sales Ad-
viser

HAZEL PAYNE
English IV, Dean of Girls, Guidance Di-
rector, Freshman Adviser



RUTH DOENIER
English II, Library, Cheer-
leading Adviser, Junior Ad-
viser, Fair Exhibits



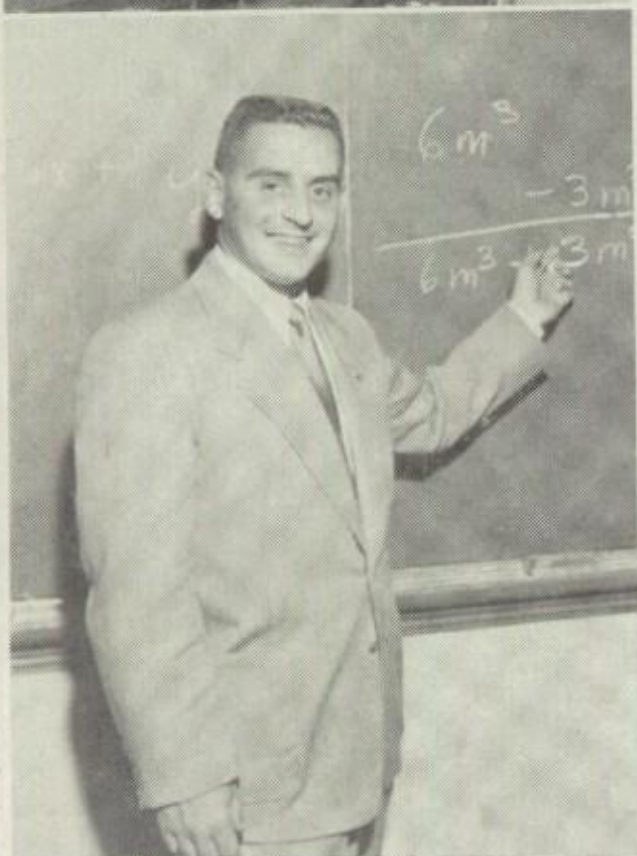
HIRREL SCHMIDT
Typing I, Bookkeeping, Business Train-
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ing Script Adviser

MARYLAND ROBINSON
Red Cross, School Nurse





GUY EAST
Geometry, Algebra II, Solid Geometry, Commercial Arithmetic, Sophomore Adviser, Fair Exhibits, Broadcasting Committee Schedule



DEAN HARSHBARGER
Algebra I-II, Senior Adviser, Freshman Football Coach, Freshman Basketball Coach, Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Assistant Track Coach



JAMES KOELLER
Debate, Advanced Speech, English II, Freshman Adviser, Student Council Adviser, Broadcasting Adviser

LLOYD DOENIER
Biology, Junior Adviser, Athletic Director, Varsity Basketball Coach, Frosh-Soph Football Coach



LESLIE SWAN
Short Hand I-II, Office Practice, Book-keeping, Sophomore Adviser

ALICE POTTINGER
Practical Math, English I-II, Sophomore
Adviser



DELORES SHECKLER
Home Economics I-III, Family
Living, Freshman Ad-
viser, FHA Adviser



MARJORIE DUNLAP
Girls' Physical Education,
GAA Adviser, Cheerlead-
ing Adviser



HILDA DOLL
Speech Correctionist

JUANITA JOHNSTON
Home Economics II-IV,
Eighth Grade, Cafeteria
Supervisor, Junior Adviser,
FHA Adviser, Fair Exhibits

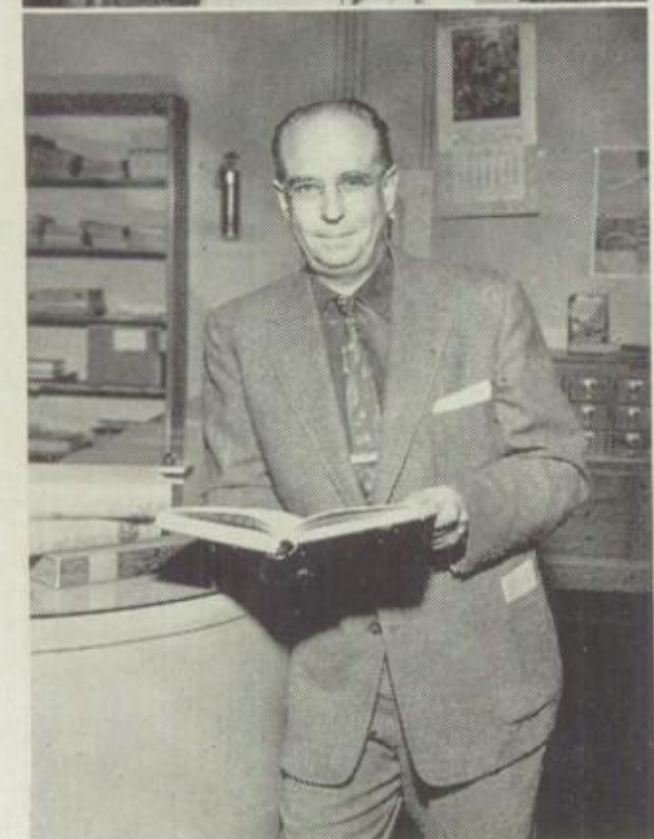




MERRILL MANN
Building Trades, Social
Science, Sophomore Ad-
viser

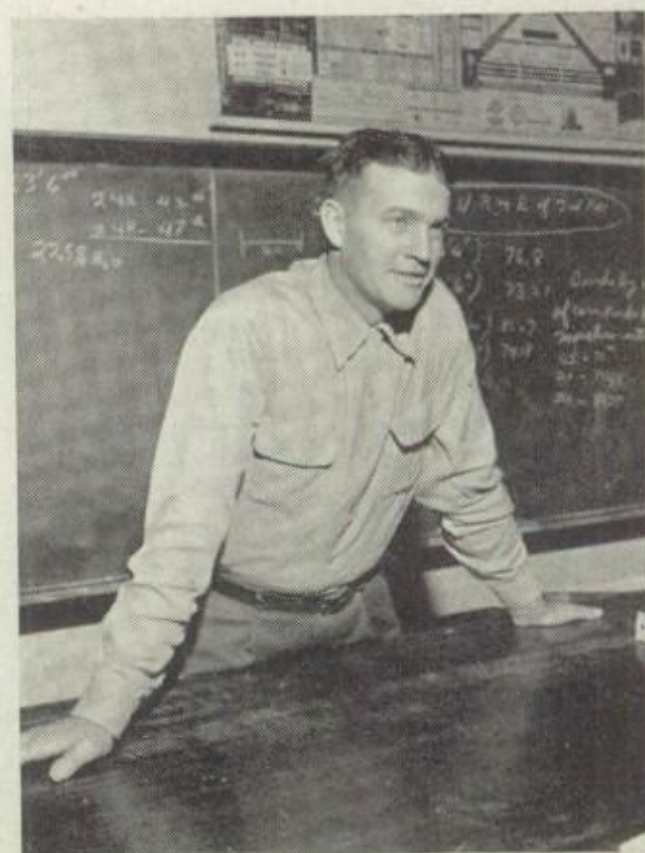


MALCOLM GORE
Physics, General Science,
Chemistry, Junior Adviser,
Book Store, Visual Aids Di-
rector, Broadcasting Equip-
ment, Fair Exhibits, Track
Coach, Cross Country
Coach



ERNEST SCHLICK
Band, Music Equipment

GILBERT GEHLER
Shop I-II, Sophomore Adviser, Stage
Crew Adviser



FRED MORRIS
Agriculture I-II-III, General Science,
Freshman Adviser, FFA Adviser



CURRICULUM

Mr. Doenier's Biology

In addition to academic courses such as the biology class at the left, MHS students have a variety of vocational subjects to choose from: business training, home economics, shop, agriculture, Diversified Occupations, or Building Trades. The last two of these have been keeping many students busy and preparing them for future work. The experience gained could not be replaced by class work alone.



DIVERSIFIED OCCUPATIONS

Students taking D.O. work a minimum of fifteen hours a week at their job. They then spend an hour in class here at school on information related to what they are doing. A salary is given the student while he is learning a trade.

BACK ROW: A. McLaughlin (Prescott Bros.), R. Schwemlein (Reeser) R. Fritz (Wayside Press), W. Etheridge (Wayside Press)

MIDDLE ROW: T. Driver (Black Bros.), C. Teauseau (Jones' Motors), D. Roach (Clas-son's), R. Sloan (O.K. Food Market), D. Hof (Mendota Appliance), F. Ross (Faber Garage)

FRONT ROW: A. Walter (Costello's, B. Rapp (Ben Franklin's), Mr. Rollins, D. Stevens (Widmer's), R. Sauer (Wayside Press)



BUILDING TRADES

Build another house! This was the problem confronting the building trades students as they worked on the fourth house to be constructed by MHS students. In the process much experience was gained which will, in many cases, be put into use in the future. "Do-it-yourself" projects will present no problems to these students.

BACK ROW: F. Hanley, A. Spenader, G. Inman, G. Cook, K. Sheridan

FRONT ROW: Mr. Mann, D. Willard, B. Saylor, A. Anderson, H. Schammel, J. El-sesser



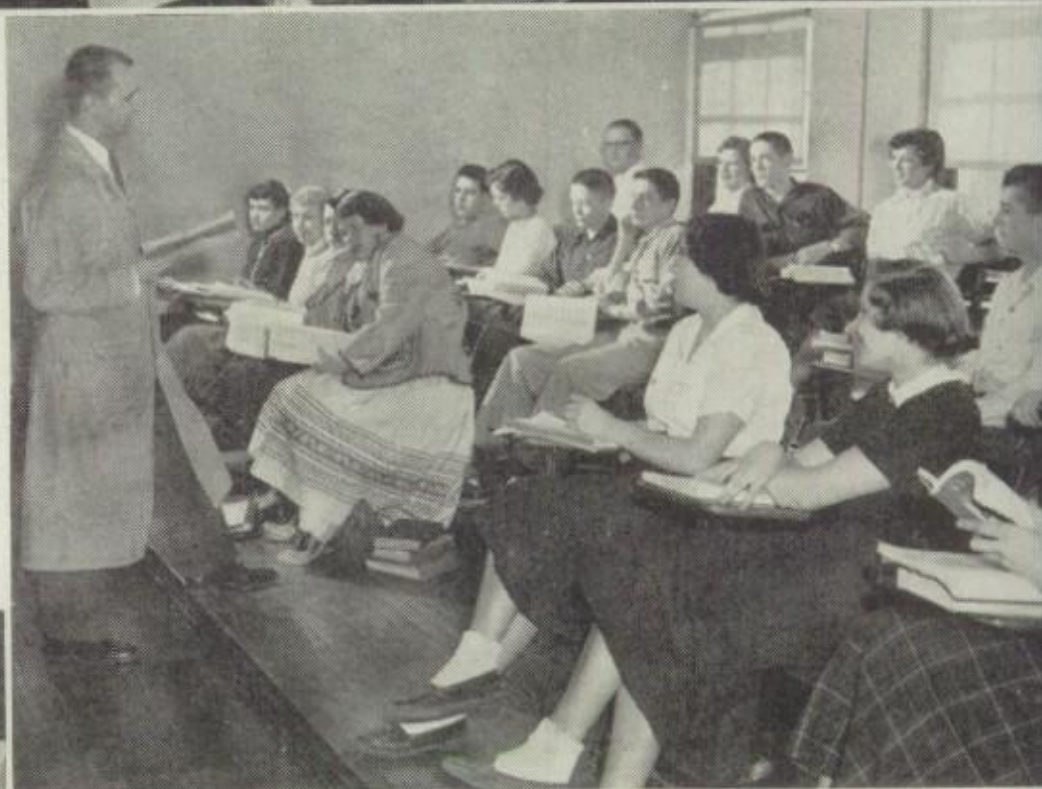
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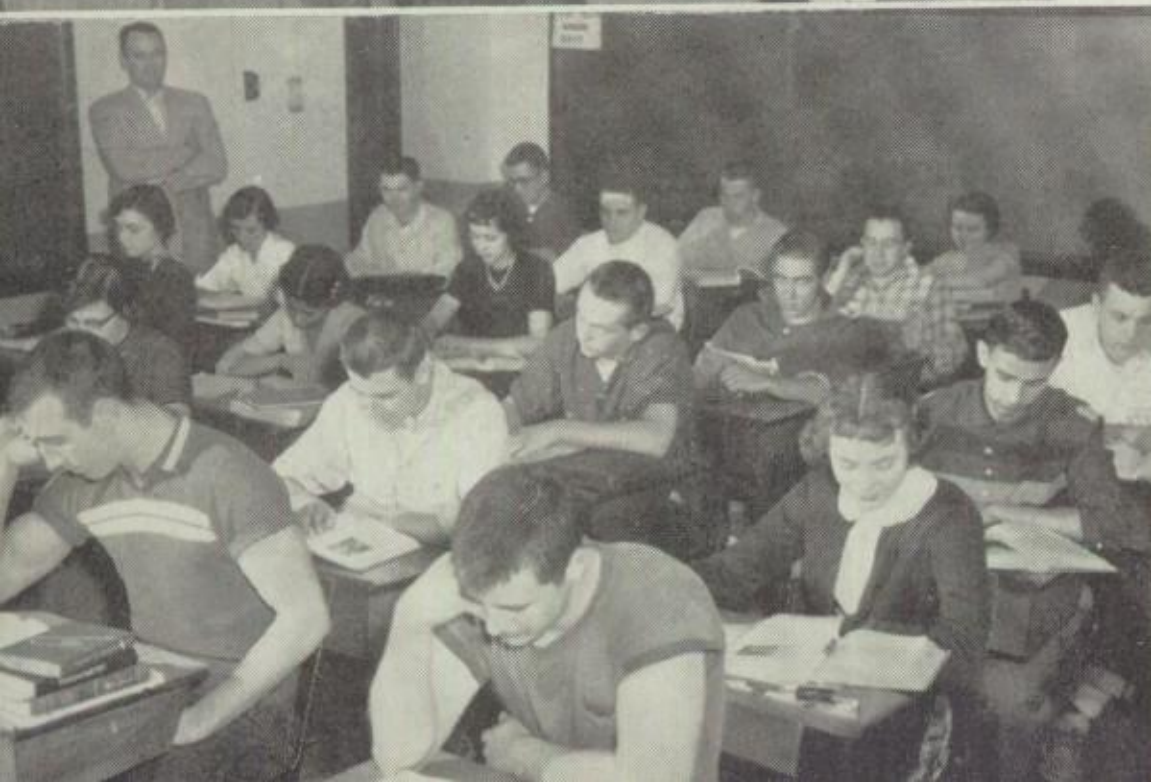
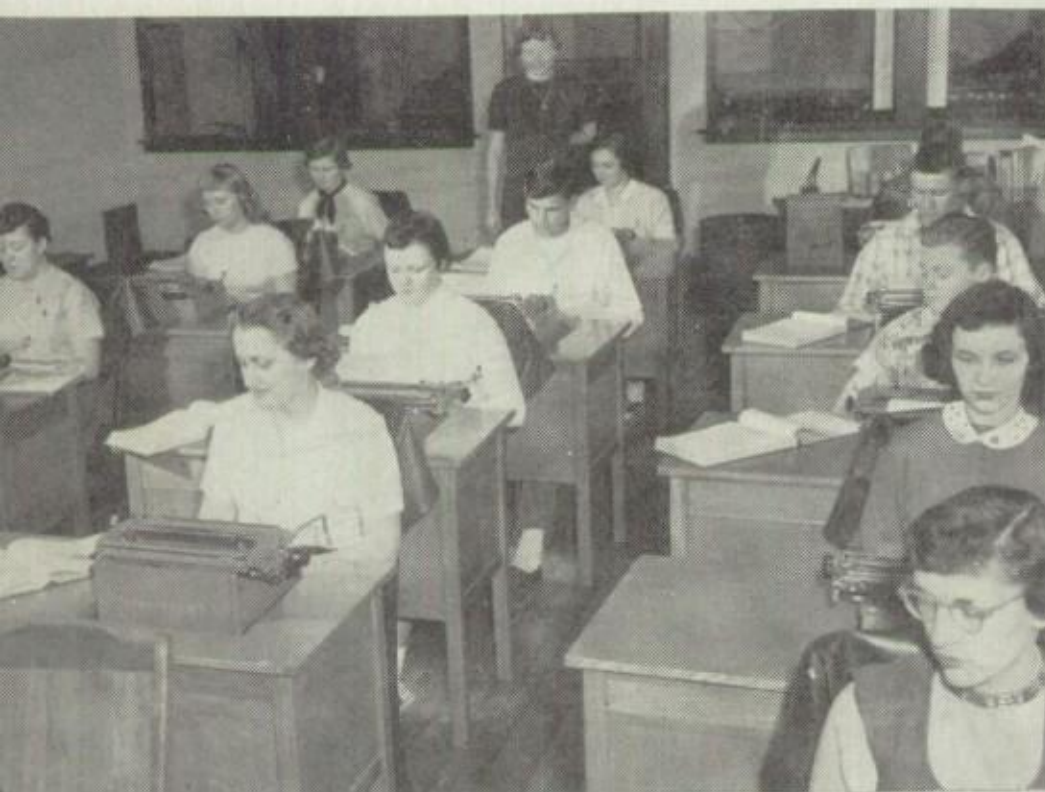
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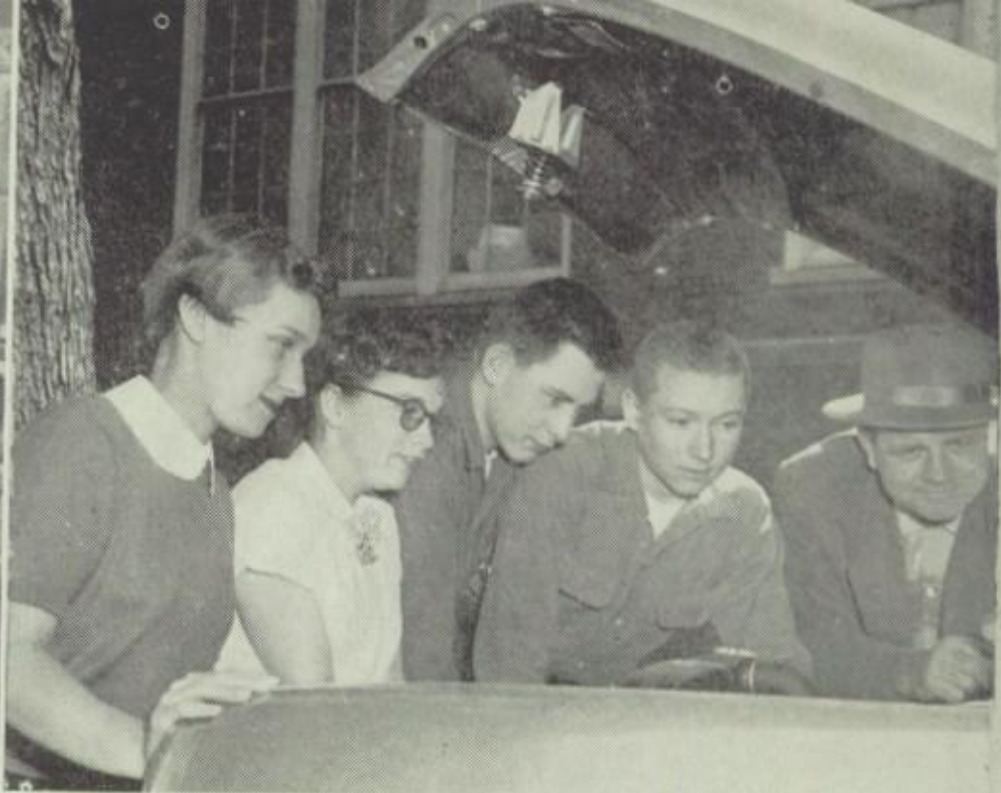
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English IV





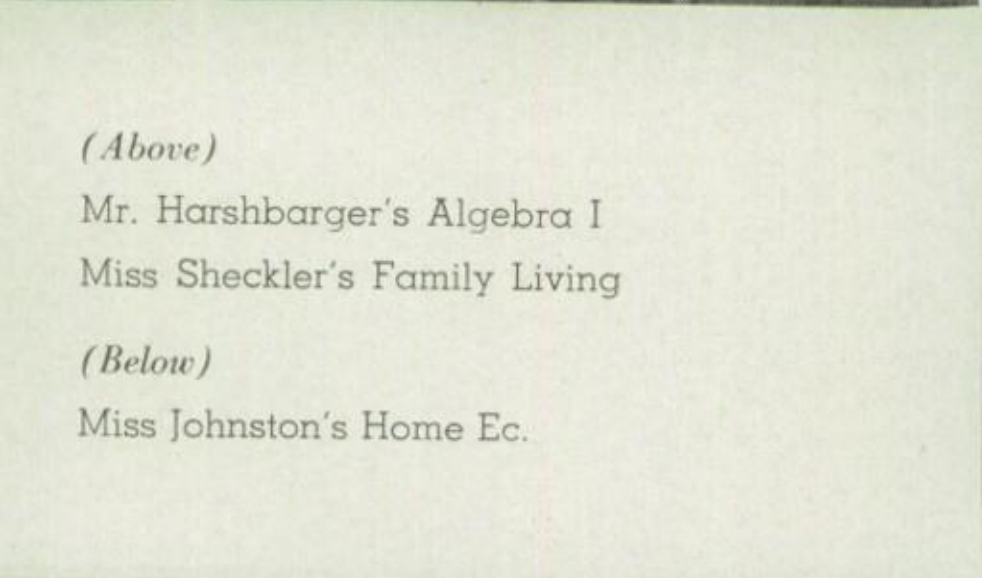
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Mr. Rollins' Drivers' Training

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Miss Breese's Latin II

Mr. Hemenway's World History



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Mr. Harshbarger's Algebra I

Miss Sheckler's Family Living

(Below)

Miss Johnston's Home Ec.





COOKS
Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Truckenbrod



CUSTODIANS
C. Cross, B. Politsch, J. Stevens

STAFF AND STUDENT ASSISTANTS

As you're entering the school does the wonder of the schedules of the buses amaze you? Do you wonder how these few men manage to transport all the rural students to and from school in all kinds of weather? These men also help transport the students to football games and basketball games, and aid in transporting speech and contest play students to out-of-town tournaments.

Do you ever stop to wonder where the cafeteria assistants find time to help in the serving of the noon meals? These girls do not assist in the preparing of the meals, but merely in the serving and cleaning up.

As you walk into our school, what is the first thing you notice? Do you first realize the fact that these two women, Mrs. Truckenbrod and Mrs. Durham, have been working hard to prepare the noon meal? The smell of the good food runs through your mind until you're in line and finally sitting and wondering how these women ever managed such a delicious meal for so many.

Or when you first enter school do you try to imagine how hard our three custodians must work in order to keep our school neat and clean? On those nice spring days do you say to yourself, "I'm glad I don't have to mow this lawn!"

BUS DRIVERS
BACK ROW: I. Smith, B. Spencer
SECOND ROW: C. Davis, J. Dempsey, M. Mann, M. Skaggs, A. Scheidenhelm, W. Swope, C. Wills
FRONT ROW: R. Robeson, W. Fitzgerald, B. Moss
ABSENT: W. Bauer, E. Brown, J. Rollins, C. Parsons

CAFETERIA ASSISTANTS
BACK ROW: S. Nance, N. Roach, E. Schammel, M. Stremmlau, R. Spitz, J. Becker, J. Burkart, S. O'Rourke
FRONT ROW: Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Truckenbrod
ABSENT: J. Rapp, M. Rapp



EVEN ROCKETS CAN'T OPERATE WITHOUT V.I.P'S

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, why should these fellows give up part of their noon to sell candy and potato chips to students? They are very much appreciated by all students.

One good way to make money for your senior class is through the Broadcasting Committee. These students sell advertisements to the business men of Mendota, and a different group of students announce them at the football games.

Did you ever stop to wonder where the technicians get all their energy for the extra work they do around school? Each student gives up some of his time to set up visual aids or sound equipment. There are no rewards for this work, just the enjoyment of helping others.

Every period of the day, 2 or 3 students are in the library ready and willing to aid any student in anyway they can. The librarians keep our library in an orderly manner. All students are very grateful to these students.

BROADCASTING COUNCIL

BACK ROW: J. Bader, J. Powell, J. Welsch, N. Herbert, L. Rohr
FOURTH ROW: R. Milazzo, K. Emerick, T. Driver, H. Schlesinger, F. Damer, J. Meyer
THIRD ROW: P. Miller, A. Weiss, D. Keefe, S. Rave, J. Hochstatter, Y. Durand, N. Eich
SECOND ROW: Mr. Koeller, A. Burkart, P. Whitmore, Miss Breese, Carol Calderwood, Mr. Gore
FRONT ROW: D. Dewey, D. Kramer, C. Harmon, S. Castle, M. Sonntag, C. Schlesinger

TECHNICIANS

BACK ROW: F. Damer, R. Althaus, G. Beardsley, N. Ehlers, E. Klinge
SECOND ROW: B. Montavon, R. Gulick, L. Rohs, B. Andrews, J. Bader
FRONT ROW: D. Keefe, B. Boyle, J. Meyer, R. Killion, J. Auchstetter, Mr. Gore

CANDY SELLERS

K. Emerick, B. Rapp, R. Milazzo, D. Engel

LIBRARIANS

BACK ROW: Mrs. Doenier, A. Vickery, J. Vogelsang, K. Emerick, L. Vermillion, J. Powell, J. Smith, J. Welsch, S. Rave, L. Spenader
FRONT ROW: C. Truckenbrod, Y. Durand, M. Rollins, P. McConville, S. Castle, D. Piller, P. Miller, B. Schmidt, S. McConville, D. Keefe, J. Hochstatter





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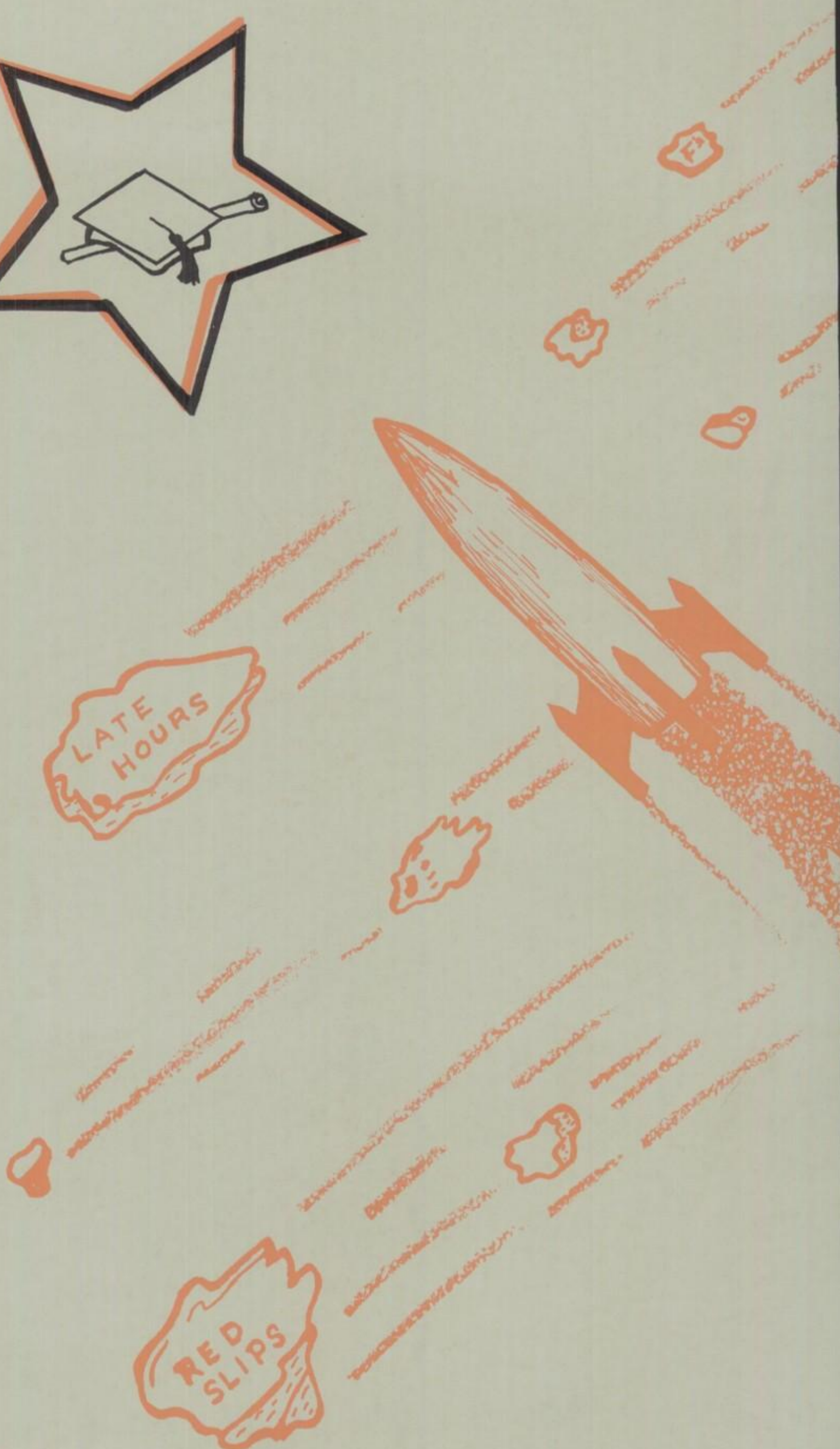
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1. Chief cook and bottle washer!
2. Whoops! Wrong class!
3. My wife should see me now.
4. What a fullback!!
5. Ruth Lembke and Lloyd Doenier have been seen together quite often. Could this be serious?

6. All this for me?
7. He's my dad.
8. Keep it gay.
9. "This is it."
10. And baby makes five.



Pat E.



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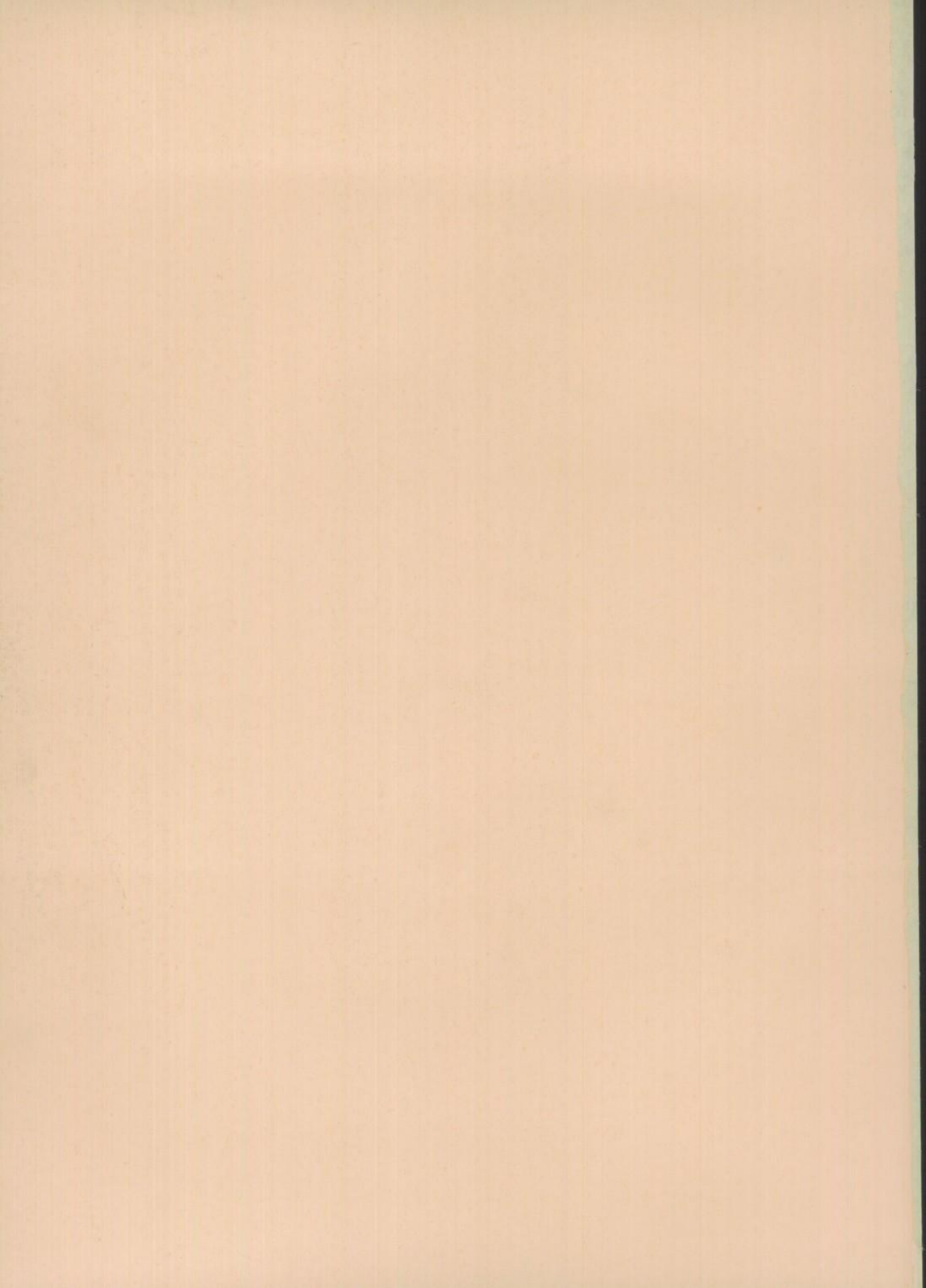
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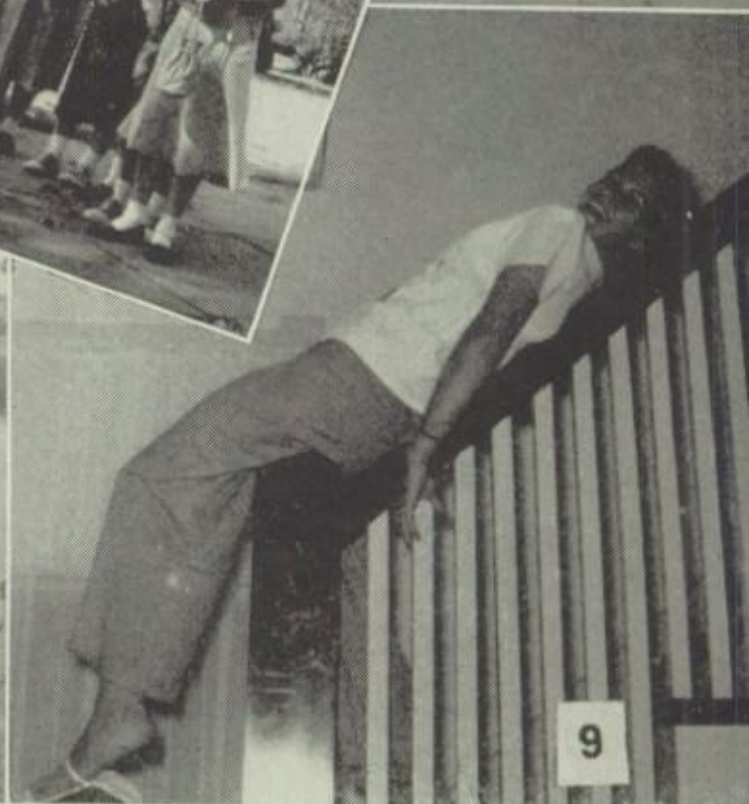
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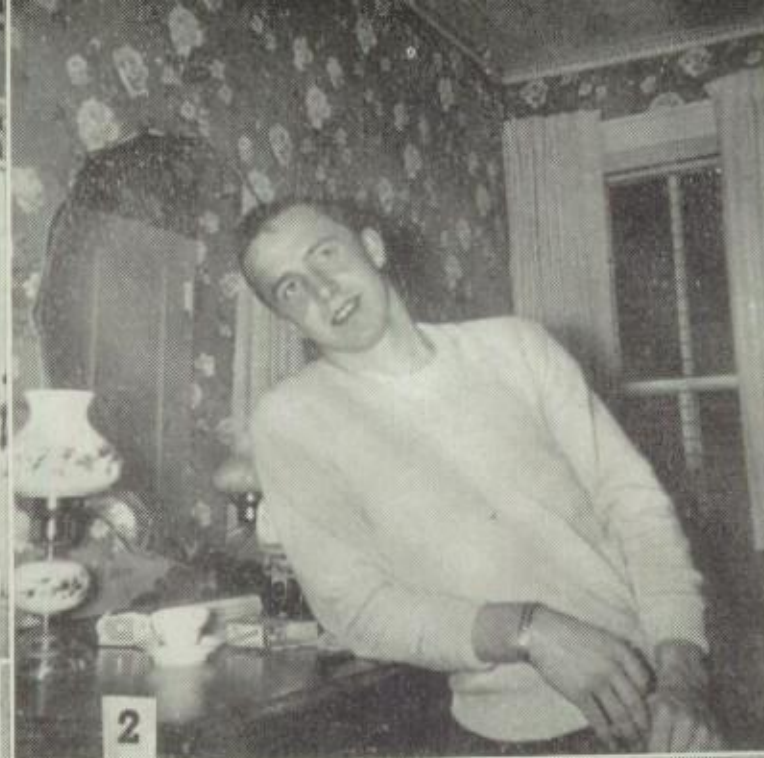
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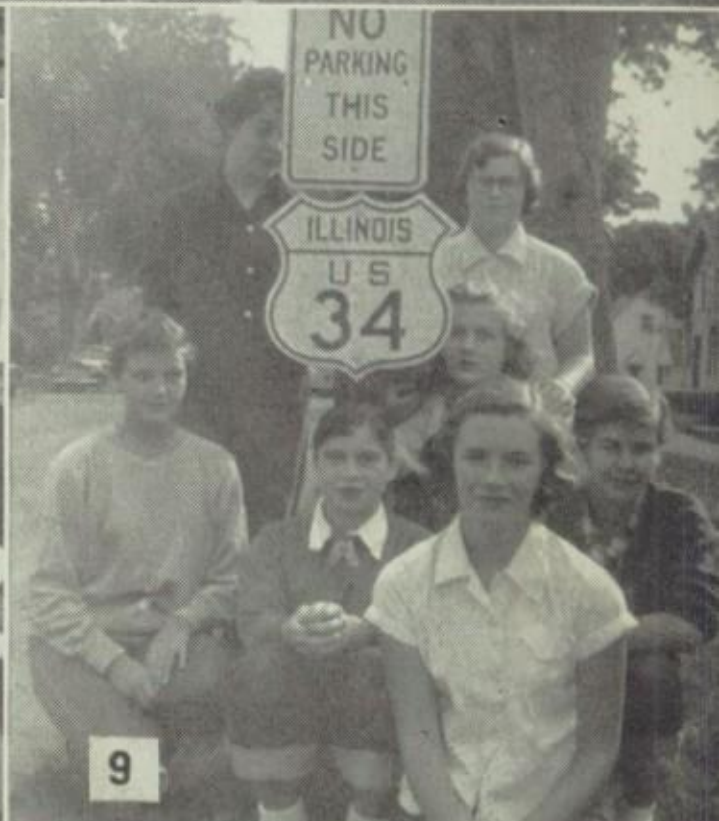
1. Is everybody happy?
2. Haven't you got any records by Eddie Fisher?
3. Stand back so I can kiss her.
4. Boy, was I hungry.
5. Tell us another one.

6. Been studying?
7. I'll be careful, I fell last time.
8. We're only freshmen.
9. Whoops, wrong way.



1. Nonchalant
2. Oh, heck, it was nothin'.
3. Look, Mom, I'm still awake.
4. May we be the first to wish you Merry Christmas.
5. 7 little, 8 little, 9 little heads.

6. Mmm, that feels good.
7. Just a second, I'll get it.
8. Now you leave us alone.
9. He's lovely! He's engaged! He uses Lava.
10. You say the sweetest things.



1. It must be 9:00, I'm tired.
2. I'm just a little Freshie, and I'm all alone.
3. Only a bubble pipe.
4. That's a blanket, not my coat.
5. Have a bite.

6. Girls will be girls.
7. An even dozen.
8. It's not really a ship.
9. Nice day for hitchhiking.



BACK ROW: Mr. Hemenway, Mr. Koeller, Miss Payne, Mr. Morris, H. Goebel (co-Vice-President). FRONT ROW: Mr. Lewis, Miss Sheckler, J. Clark (Secretary-Treasurer), R. Classon (co-Vice-President), M. Huss (President).

FRIGHTENED FRESHMEN BLAST OFF IN MHS ROCKET

There were many bewildered freshman faces around MHS on Freshman Orientation Day. These soon changed as they became acquainted with the teachers and the school. They started right off by electing Martin Huss, president; Hal Goebel and Ronnie Classon, co-vice-presidents; and Joe Clark, secretary-treasurer. Their four capable representatives for Student Council were Cheryl Brown, Diane Schultz, Fritz Wehmeyer, and Tom Jacob. Even though they were, at first, a little reluctant to say anything, they did their part in voting on the main issues.

Silvia Phalen was chosen to represent the freshmen on the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad. A short time later Marilyn Kerns and Fritz Wehmeyer were selected by their class as Homecoming attendants. The freshman float also added much to make it one of the nicest Homecomings that MHS has had.

The freshman boys were very enthusiastic about both football and basketball. About twenty boys played on the freshman football team. A number of boys also played basketball. The final records weren't too impressive, but the boys proved they could be tough and, with a little more experience, hard to beat.

Mr. Harshbarger did a wonderful job coaching these boys in both football and basketball.

Many of the freshman girls were athletically minded, and so they joined GAA and had many good times in all the sports. Cheryl Brown served as the freshman representative on the board. One of the largest groups of GAA initiates was seen this year. The freshmen were also interested in homemaking and farming, as they made up a good share of the membership in FHA and FFA.

The class of 1958 showed great interest in extra-curricular activities. A large number joined the band and chorus. Some braver freshmen even ventured into debate and speech activities.

The freshmen went "all out" as usual in the annual magazine sales. Many doorbells were rung, and consequently the dollars soon added up. We certainly like to see all this energy on the part of the freshmen, and we hope it continues.

Much of the credit for getting the freshmen well on their way should be given to the class advisers. These teachers are Mr. Hemenway, Mr. Koeller, Miss Payne, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lewis, and Miss Sheckler.



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BACK ROW: C. Brown, J. Clark, J. Ambler,
P. Brown, E. Betz, P. Booth, J. Bankes FRONT
ROW: J. Broughton, G. Buettner, R. Classon,
R. Bumba ABSENT: S. Browder, N. Christman

(Right)
BACK ROW: C. Betz, B. Eden, M. Draper, D.
Engels, Y. Etheridge, J. Corrigan FRONT
ROW: J. Cotton, M. Bird, M. Elsesser, M. Cook,
L. Dewey



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BACK ROW: T. Jacob, D. Jones, M. Huss, M.
Jackson, K. Jackson, J. Hudak, D. Jacob MID-
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FRONT ROW: J. Johns, R. Higgins, R. Jacob



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BACK ROW: C. Kuntzi, E. McCormick, B.
Kleckner, J. Lines, J. Kromm, R. King MIDDLE
ROW: R. Kern, S. Klinefelter, A. Lipke FRONT
ROW: N. Klinefelter, M. Kerns, R. Kilburn





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BACK ROW: R. Henkel, K. Heinzeroth, J. Hampson, V. Gove, S. Gehler, J. Hesserberger, C. Greenwood FRONT ROW: R. Herbert, H. Goebel, H. Goslin, E. Grey, M. Hartley



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BACK ROW: W. Whipple, F. Wehmeyer, S. Yost, J. Weber, S. Whitmore, B. Zinke MIDDLE ROW: P. Zinke, J. Zolper, N. Welty FRONT ROW: J. Yohn, E. Wixom, C. Weiler, E. Wood

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BACK ROW: K. Wagner, K. Vermillion, B. Walters, L. Sondgeroth, R. Tower, D. Weber MIDDLE ROW: R. Spitz, R. Teauseau FRONT ROW: D. Truckenbrod, M. Strem-lau, G. Thompson



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BACK ROW: E. Simpson, R. Slotter, D. Schultz, B. Saueressig, S. Setchell, N. Sheridan MIDDLE ROW: J. Schultz, C. Schnuckel, K. Schlesinger FRONT ROW: W. Sauer, S. Snyder, E. Schammel, S. Schuttler



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BACK ROW: N. Roach, G. Pohl, M. Rich, G. Pohl, T. Roth MIDDLE ROW: L. Olson, A. Rapp, C. Ossman FRONT ROW: D. Possley, T. Parsons, N. Parks ABSENT: S. Phalen



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BACK ROW: R. McLaughlin, D. Mathesius, M. Maus, L. Merritt, K. Morehouse, K. Near, L. McIntyre MIDDLE ROW: J. Neuhalfen, W. Manning, P. McLaughlin FRONT ROW: J. Manning, S. Nance, D. Mackin



BACK ROW: Mr. Swan, D. Hoffman (Secretary-Treasurer), Mr. Gehler, Mr. East.
FRONT ROW: Miss Pottinger, C. Bansau (President), B. Jacob (Vice-President),
Mr. Mann.

SUPERSONIC SOPHOMORES

The class of 1957 started their second year of high school off with a big bang by choosing their class officers: Carol Bansau as president, Barbara Jacob as vice-president, and Diane Hoffman as secretary-treasurer.

When football season rolled around, the sophomores threw in their enthusiasm and spirit, which helped lead the frosh-soph team to a very successful season. The frosh-soph team consisted of twenty-four energetic sophomore boys, without whose help Coach Doenier and the other boys would not have won the victories they did.

The sophomore class made a wise decision when they elected Karen Doenier, Marilyn Swope, Glen Truckenbrod, and Ronnie Killion as their attendants in the Homecoming court.

Time flew by, and basketball season snuck up. Jim Boyle, Henry Amfahr, Ronnie Killion, Howard Becker, Bob Bumba, Bob Bradshaw, Bob Miller, Jack Jacobs, Bill Dickey, Dave Wulf, Gerry Bryan, and Jack Kilmartin decided they would try their skills at the game. They joined the team and helped bring about a successful and exciting season.

Let's not forget the important part the cheerleaders played in the setting of sports. The sophomore class chose three enthusiastic girls, namely Karen Doenier, Carol Walter, and Mary Hendrick, to boost the morale of MHS.

The yearly biology trip of the sophomore class turned out to be a great success this year. Field's Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, Chinatown, the Aquarium, various sections of the Municipal Airport, and other interesting parts of Chicago were on the agenda of the day.

New members were added to the Student Council this year, and they were Ronnie Killion, Jan Beardsley, and Karen Doenier. Peg Gorman and Mary Hendrick were the hold-over members.

Sophomore participation in extra-curricular activities was really up to par this year. A large number of sophomores gave their share of work and effort in band and chorus. Other students joined various organizations such as FFA, FHA, and GAA. Karen Doenier and Mary Hendrick served on the GAA board.

The sophomores had the big task of choosing their class rings this year. Serving on the ring committee were Jim Bader, Anita Sue Worsley, Emma Lou Rittmeyer, Barbara Jacob, Art Frey, and Richard Althaus. They chose a beautiful ring.

Under the capable guidance of Mr. Swan, Mr. Gehler, Mr. East, Miss Pottinger, and Mr. Mann, the sophomore class completed a successful year and are now waiting for the day when they can call themselves upperclassmen.



BACK ROW: J. Beardsley, J. Bader, H. Amfahr, C. Bansau, R. Althaus MIDDLE ROW: A. Archer, R. Auchstetter, G. Banks FRONT ROW: V. Auchstetter, W. Aughenbaugh, B. Baumgartner, D. Baker ABSENT: Y. Bagley



BACK ROW: G. Bryan, T. Craine, C. Carnahan, H. Becker, W. Brown, J. Becker MIDDLE ROW: B. Bradshaw, D. Chaon, B. Burley FRONT ROW: J. Boyle, J. Becker, B. Bumba

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BACK ROW: B. Kidd, G. Jewel, B. Jacob, L. Hood, N. Johnson, D. Hageman MIDDLE ROW: D. Katzwinkle, A. Kaiser, J. Hopkins FRONT ROW: D. Hoffman, M. Hendrick, R. Jones ABSENT: J. Jacobs



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BACK ROW: A. Worsley, D. Wulf, A. Yates, R. Ward, A. Truckenbrod, C. Wagner MIDDLE ROW: S. Truckenbrod, W. Vietz, W. Walters FRONT ROW: G. Truckenbrod, E. Weber, R. Zimmerman, C. Walter

ZOOM ON



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BACK ROW: J. Franklin, J. George, L. Funfsinn, M. Gorman, L. Funfsinn, D. Grothen, J. Gehant MIDDLE ROW: W. Guilfoyle, J. Fransen, A. Frey, J. Grothen FRONT ROW: E. Funfsinn, G. Geuther, G. Gregory ABSENT J. Gehant



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BACK ROW: L. Richard, J. Palmatier, S. Riegel, J. Poisel, A. Novak, F. Pohl MIDDLE ROW: J. Pantenberg, D. Pohl, E. Novak FRONT ROW: L. Prescott, S. Nurnberg, R. Pantenberg, M. Rapp



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BACK ROW: F. Metzen, K. Neidetcher, B. Nance, D. Mellott, A. Merriman, G. Miller MIDDLE ROW: V. Mast, R. Montavon, S. Michel FRONT ROW: J. Menzel, D. Medlar, J. Mitchell

INTO SPACE



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BACK ROW: M. Swope, D. Sondgeroth, J. Rohr, G. Shaver, E. Rittmeyer, N. Scott MIDDLE ROW: D. Schammel, N. Schlesinger, J. Sonntag FRONT ROW: J. Schmidt, M. Schlesinger, G. Sauer, J. Roach



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BACK ROW: J. Kidd, J. Kuehl, L. Kidd, E. Lane, J. Larabee, R. Killion, E. Klein MIDDLE ROW: S. Klein, R. Kreiser, J. Lobbins FRONT ROW: J. Kilmartin, J. Long, M. McCollum

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BACK ROW: G. Edgcomb, D. Emerick, N. Fassig, W. Dickey, K. Doenier, N. Dalton MIDDLE ROW: D. Dewey, R. Eichorn, R. Foster FRONT ROW: D. Donovan, P. Delhotal, B. Eden, R. Faber





BACK ROW: Mr. Gore, Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Doenier. FRONT ROW: Miss Johnston, J. Van Horn (President), J. Garrity (Vice-President), I. Bruck (Secretary-Treasurer), Mr. Warren.

JET-PROPELLED JUNIORS

The juniors had many obstacles to face in reaching their destination. The two very special tasks awaiting them were the class play and the prom.

The very capable officers of the class were John Van Horn, president; Jean Garrity, vice-president; Isabel Bruck, secretary-treasurer. Jo Ann Vogelsang, Barbara Tentler, and Roger Gulick were the new members to the Student Council. Already on the council were Ray Jauch, Jean Elsesser, and Elizabeth Nims.

Representing the juniors in the Homecoming parade were Jo Ann Vogelsang and Robert Zimmerman. Their class float was entitled "Even Girls Can Lick 'em."

This lower upper class had six major and nine minor letter winners on the football team. Without their might the Trojans could not have taken the conference title for the sixth straight year.

"Rah! Rah!" These were the cries of Isabel Bruck, Nancy Dana, and Alfred Vickery, who showed the versatility of these juniors as varsity cheerleaders.

When basketball time bounced around, eight junior boys joined the squad. These were Bob Chaon, Pat Dubbs, Ken Gehler, Art Goslin, Elwood Schlesinger, Duane Mealey, John Van Horn, and Ray Jauch who was on the varsity for his second year.

GAA held an interest for many junior girls. Jean Elsesser, Deanna Childers, and Mary Ann Rollins did their share on the board.

All the officers of the FHA were junior girls. Jean Phillips was the president. The others included: Nancy Willard, Dorothy Larabee, Delores Budach, Barb Druen, and Peg Rider.

FFA proved useful for the agricultural-minded boys. A junior, Roger Browder, was the president of this organization. Clayton Frey was an officer also.

"This Old House" was the theme song of the building trade boys. Juniors in this field were Fred Hanley, Gordon Inman, Pat Sheridan, Dave Willard, Bob Saylor, Art Anderson, and Howard Schammel.

The contest play held an interest for Ferris Stafford, Connie Chandler, and Bill Burke. Marilyn Bansau was a prompter.

One of the highlights of the year was the play. "Time Out for Ginger" had a cast of ten and was directed by Mr. Warren.

The climax of the year was the prom. The juniors put forth much effort and put together a great success.

Without the untiring efforts of the class advisers, none of these things would have been possible. The junior advisers were Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Doenier, Miss Johnston, Mr. Gore, and Mr. Warren.

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BACK ROW: K. Gehler, P. Howarth, A. Goslin, D. Holler, J. Hood MIDDLE ROW: F. Hanley, B. Greenwood FRONT ROW: D. Gibson, R. Gulick, R. Guilfoyle, N. Hochstatter

(Below)

BACK ROW: W. Etheridge, H. Schammel, M. Rollins, J. Schuster, E. Schlesinger, R. Saylor FRONT ROW: A. Slotter, R. Sauer, B. Sondgeroth ABSENT: R. Roach, R. Schwemlein, K. Sheridan



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BACK ROW: J. Garrity, G. Dilbeck, J. Galloway, J. Elsesser FRONT ROW: P. Fitzgerald, C. Frey, B. Druen, S. Egler, P. Dubbs ABSENT: W. English, D. Fox

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BACK ROW: D. Wood, D. Werner, P. Watson, R. Zimmerman, M. Yohn, N. Willard FRONT ROW: D. Willard, S. Young, I. Wilson, J. Vogelsang

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BACK ROW: N. Dana, D. Cotton, C. Chandler, B. Burke, D. Childers FRONT ROW: J. Burright, R. Chaon, M. Dean, D. Cotton



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BACK ROW: C. Rider, C. Phalen, S. O'Rourke, M. Phalen FRONT ROW: D. Prescott, J. Powell, D. Parks, J. Phillips, P. Rider, R. Nurnberg, T. Rapp



(Left)
BACK ROW: J. Van Horn, W. Stremlau, R. Stuber, B. Tentler FRONT ROW: F. Stafford, C. Spenader, J. Stephenitch, C. Spitz, L. Stremlau ABSENT: C. Teauseau, A. Thompson, A. Vickery

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BACK ROW: J. Bunton, M. Bansau, E. Budach, B. Boyle, R. Browder, I. Bruck, G. Brunner, J. Boyle FRONT ROW: D. Auslin, D. Budach, A. Anderson, J. Burkart



(Above)
BACK ROW: J. McLaughlin, J. Neidetcher, J. Mauch, C. Nance FRONT ROW: H. Nashold, M. McManus, E. Nims ABSENT: D. Mealey, W. McLaughlin, A. McLaughlin

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BACK ROW: M. Hyde, E. McIntyre, D. Kilburn, K. Kessinger, D. Johnson MIDDLE ROW: L. Jacobs, E. Kidd FRONT ROW: P. McConville, D. Larabee, E. Klinefelter, G. Inman ABSENT: R. Jauch





BACK ROW: Mr. Harshbarger, Miss Breese, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mauntel. FRONT ROW: A. Burkhardt (Secretary-Treasurer), D. Oberholz (President), P. Ehlers (Vice-President), Mrs. Schmidt.

HIGH-SOARING SENIORS

As we look back on the seniors we see they were a busy bunch from the start. As their president they chose Jim Brown; vice-president, Doris Kramer; secretary-treasurer, Janet Welsch. The representatives for student council were: Doris Kramer, Carol Calderwood, Norman Ehlers, and John Meyer.

Our freshman class was active in all fields. In sports Mr. Mann guided them to win three out of their five football games. Mr. Gehler made a nice show with his basketball team; and Dick McMahon, a freshman, made varsity basketball. The frosh-soph cheerleaders were four freshmen! Marjorie Campbell, Patti Miller, Diane Keefe and Yvonne Durand. These girls were also the cheerleaders their sophomore year. Yes, even the freshman debate squad gave those seniors quite an argument, and in music they were well known. Patti Miller and Don Kessel were in the Homecoming Court.

Wayne Rich took top honors in the magazine contest to chalk up another point for the class of '55.

The class advisers were: Miss Payne, Mr. Doll, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Koeller, and Mr. Morris.

The officers for the sophomore year were: Gary Beardsley, president; Charlotte Schlesinger, vice-president; and Barbara Martin, secretary-treasurer. Their new student council member was Jean Hochstatter. Alberta Weiss and

Gary Beardsley represented them in the Homecoming Court.

Their sport activities were on the same level as the year before. Don Kessel was added to the varsity basketball squad.

I'm sure no one will ever forget the biology trip to Chicago or the selecting of our class rings.

The speech and debate events were especially filled with this class. There were twelve of its members in debate and five in speech.

The class advisers were: Miss Payne, Mr. Doll, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Dennis.

Our junior year saw us back to school as big upperclassmen at last. We had two really big jobs to tackle this year, the prom and the class play. We chose as class officers Jerry Sondgeroth, president; Jean Hochstatter, vice-president; and Patti Miller, secretary-treasurer.

Doris Kramer, Carol Calderwood and Jean Hochstatter were elected as holdover members on the student council. Norman Ehlers was re-elected and Janet Welsch and Gary Beardsley were new members.

We had a good football team with Dick McMahon, Jim Brown, Ed Klinge, Wayne Rich and Gary Beardsley selected to positions on the All Conference Squad. We also had a good basketball season.



We'll never forget our "Stairway to the Stars" and its memories

Sue Rave and Tim Munson represented our class in the Homecoming Court.

Patti Miller, Marjorie Campbell, and Yvonne Durand displayed their talents as varsity cheerleaders.

Many of our class were active in various organizations. Betty Gorman, Janet Welsch, Evelyn Kuehl and Pat Whitmore were members of the GAA Board. Norma Eich served as president of the FHA. Bruce Miller, Fred Damar and Bill Andrews headed the FFA.

Norma Herbert was chosen as president of the Pep Club; Carol Truckenbrod, vice-president; and Charlotte Schlesinger, secretary-treasurer.

Doris Kramer, Alberta Weiss, Alice Burkart and Kenneth Emerick carried the debate honors for MHS. Carol Calderwood and Janet Welsch represented our class by being chosen to participate in the contest play. Diane Keefe, Sue Rave, Jean Hochstatter, Harold Schlesinger and Kenneth Emerick entered the speech contest to gain some honors for our class and school.

"Professor, How Could You?" was chosen for our class play. We must remember Mr.

Beemer, because much of the success of the play would not have been possible except for his good directing.

Plans for the prom were started way back in January. The theme, "Stairway To The Stars," was chosen. Doris Kramer was the general chairman, with her general committee consisting of Gary Beardsley, Janet Welsch, Pat Ehlers, Duane Stevens and Betty Gorman. After many meetings and headaches, and after a long night of decorating, with practically the whole class helping, we produced a very beautiful and lovely prom, which brought to a close our junior year.

Before we knew it, our summer vacation was over, and we found ourselves coming back for our last year of high school.

We chose as the leaders of our class this year, Don Oberholz, president; Pat Ehlers, vice-president; Alice Burkart, secretary-treasurer. Doris Kramer, Carol Calderwood, Janet Welsch and Norman Ehlers were elected as holdover members on the Student Council. Gary Beardsley was re-elected and Marjorie Campbell and Ralph Gibson were added as new members.



Can't forget our junior class play, "Professor, How Could You?" with the cast of characters: (L to R) N. Herbert, R. Gibson, N. Ehlers, J. Hochstatter, B. Gorman, J. Smith, J. Meyer



The senior staff hard at work. L to R: R. Gibson, S. Rave, C. Calderwood, J. Welsch, J. Hochstatter, A. Burkart.

DESTINATION GRADUATION

In football, the boys captured the conference title for the sixth straight year. Jim Brown was named to the All State team. Dick McMahon, Ed Klinge and Gary Beardsley received special mention. Jim Brown, Jerry Auchstetter, Wayne Rich, Gary Beardsley, Dick McMahon, Ed Klinge and Allen Walter received positions on the All Conference Squad. The boys also did very well in track. Norman Ehlers holds the record for throwing the discus, and Jim Brown tied the record in the 100 yd. dash. Dick McMahon broke the basketball record by scoring 35 points in one game!

Two of our senior girls were back again cheering for our teams and keeping the school spirit up. They were Marjorie Campbell and Yvonne Durand.

We were honored to have the Homecoming Queen, Roberta Fuller, and King, Ed Klinge, from our class. Phyllis Bierwirth and Gary Beardsley were senior attendants. The senior float was in the form of a ship and had the theme, "Make the Pirates Walk the Plank."

An old time Melodrama was chosen for our senior class play. The name of it was, "Only An Orphan Girl." It turned out to be a great success and strengthened our Atodnem fund considerably. There was also the magazine sales which added money. Earl Finley was the high salesman in the school and he was also from our class. We must not forget the selling of popcorn, candy and ice cream bars at all the games. Then there was that familiar quotation of Miss Breese, that more workers were needed for the games.

In spite of all the homework, sports events and everything, many of us still found time to enter into the extra-curricular activities.

There were a lot of senior girls who wore off their excess energy by participating in GAA. Janet Welsch was president and Betty Gorman, Charlotte Schlesinger, Shirley McConville and Mary Owens were on the board.

Patti Miller, Janet Welsch, Carol Calderwood, Alice Burkart, Sue Rave, Bette Bromenschenkel, Jean Hochstatter, Doris Kramer, Pat Ehlers, and Ken Emerick represented our school in the speech contests. They did very well and received many deserved honors for our school. Class members participating in the contest play were, Carol Calderwood, Bill Andrews and John Meyer.

Our class was also well-represented in the music field. The girls' quartet was composed of Roberta Fuller, Cynthia Harmon, Ruth Ann Bauer and Sue Rave. The mixed octet was composed of Charlotte Schlesinger, Cynthia Harmon, Ruth Ann Bauer, Sue Rave, Earl Finley, James Richardson, Bill Andrews and Jerry Sondgeroth.

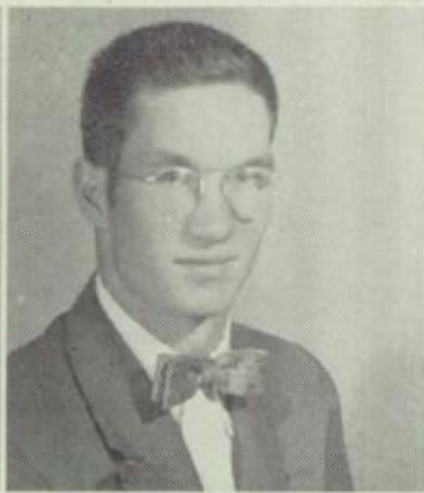
Those of our class who felt more journalistic put their efforts into the Hi-Light. We will remember our beloved Hi-Light for a long time.

With the coming of spring and all the preparations for graduation, we begin to feel a little sad at having to leave our alma mater. However, we realize that though we will all go our separate ways, some of the memories will linger forever.

We were guests at a very lovely prom, which was given us by the junior class. Then came the night of baccalaureate. We must never forget our class day and the practicing which we did. Then last but not least came graduation night when we marched down the aisle to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."



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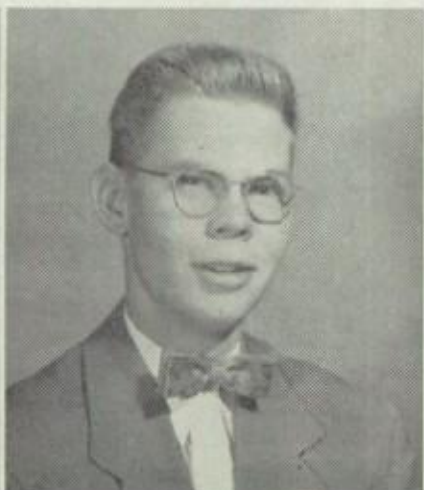
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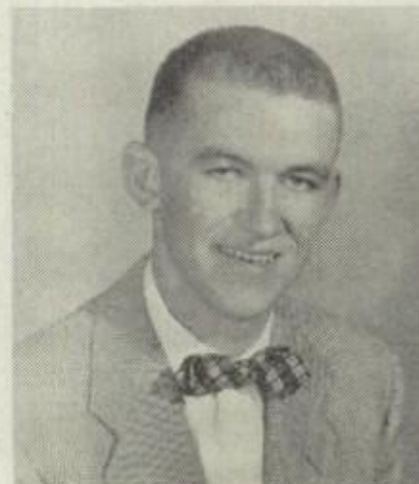
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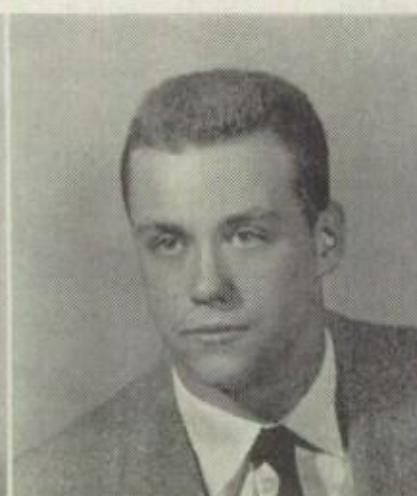
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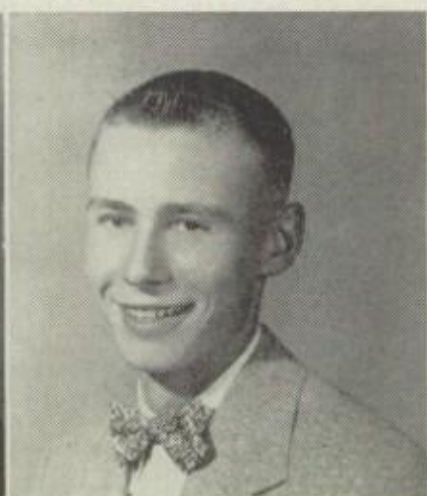
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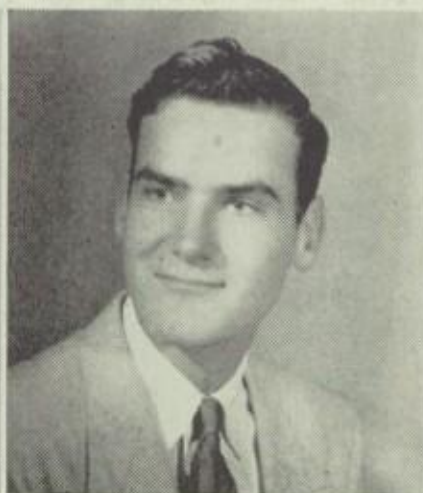
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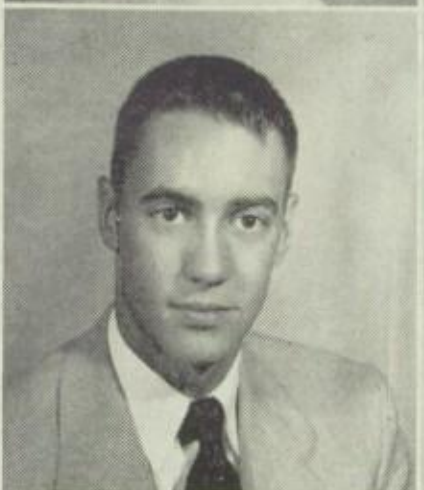
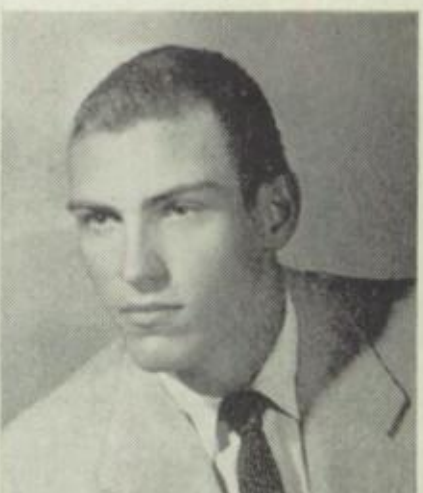
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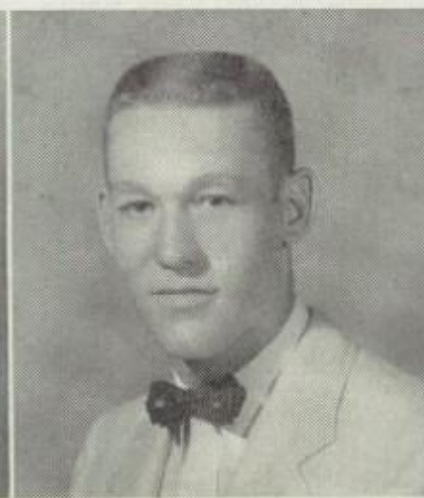
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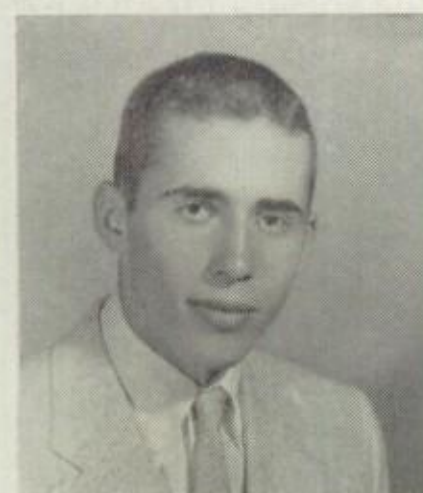
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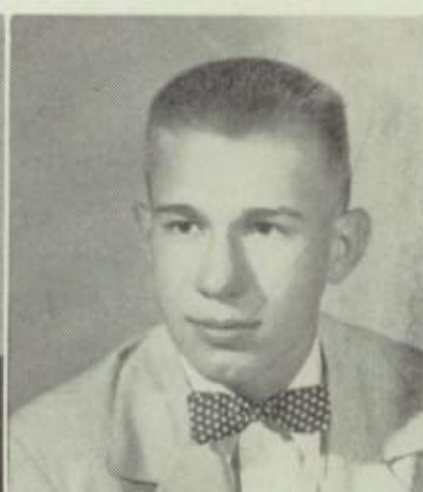
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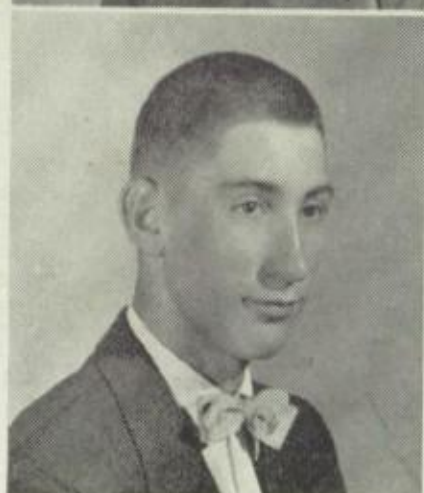
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BILL ANDREWS

Class Play 3; Stage Const. Com. 4; FFA 3; Sentinel 3; Debate 2; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 4; Quartet 4; Festival Chorus 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Team Mgr. 1,2,3; Homecoming Com. 2; Projectionist 3,4; Atodnem Assoc. Sports Editor, Equip. & Maintenance Staff, Assist. Photographer, Finance Com. 4; Contest Play 4; Octet 4

JERRY AUCHSTETTER

Class Play Stage Const. Com. 3,4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff, Sports Editor 4; Homecoming Com. 1, 2; Broadcasting Council, Technician, Projectionist 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; Atodnem Mech. Arts Staff, Finance Com. 4

LOIS AUCHSTETTER

Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Com. 3; Finance Com. 4

ALLEN E. AUGHENBAUGH

Class Play Ticket Com. 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

RUTH ANN CECILIA BAUER

NFL Active Mem. 2,3,4; Debate 1,2, Jr. Varsity 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; Sec. 4 Treas. 4 Instrumental Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Festival Band 2,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Sextet 1; Quartet 2,4; Trio 3,4; Octet 3,4; Festival Chorus 1,4; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

GARY LEE BEARDSLEY

Class Pres. 2; Student Council 3,4; Vice Pres. 4; NFL Active Mem. 1,2,3; Debate 1, Jr. Varsity 1; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Homecoming Com. 3,4; Attendant 2,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Visual Aids Technician 3, 4

PHYLLIS BIERWIRTH

Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1,2,3,4; FHA 3; Debate 1; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Attendant; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

LORETTA ANN BOTTS

Class Play Usher 3,4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

EDITH JEAN BRADSHAW

Student at Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Illinois 3; Class Play 4; Debate 2; GAA 2; Atodnem Candid Snap, Finance Com. 4

RICHARD E. BRANDT

FFA 1,2,3,4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

BETTE ANN BROMENSCHENKEL

Class Play Usher 3; Ticket Com. 3,4; Make-Up Com. 4; Assist. Librarian 2,3; Debate 1,2; Speech Contestant 2,4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 1,4; Atodnem Page Editor, Finance Com., Maintenance Com. 4

JAMES BROWN

Class Pres. 1; Class Play Stage Const. Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

BILL BURKARDT

Transfer from St. Bede Academy, Peru, Illinois, Lee Center High School, Lee Center, Illinois; FFA 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

ALICE BURKART

Class Sec.-Treas. 4; Class Play Ticket Com. 3; Publicity 4; NFL Sec.-Treas. 4; Active Mem. 2,3,4; Debate 2,3,4; Varsity 2,3,4, Jr. Varsity 2; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Com. 3; Broadcasting Council, Copy & Sales Com. 4; Announcing 4; Chorus 1, Festival Chorus 1; Atodnem Candid Snaps, Finance Com. 4

CAROL ANNE CALDERWOOD

Class Play Stage Const. Com. 4; Publicity 4; Make-Up 3; Contest Play 3,4; Speech Contestant 4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; News Editor 4; Quill & Scroll Award 4; Homecoming Com. 1,2,3,4; Broadcasting Council, Copy & Sales Com. 4; Chorus 4; Festival Chorus 4; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Sr. Editor 4; Homeroom Staff 4; Finance Com. 4

MARJORIE CAMPBELL

Class Play Usher 3; Ticket Com. 3; Student Council 4; Prom Com. 3; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Band 1; Chorus 3; Festival Chorus 3; Atodnem Activities Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

CLIFTON CARTER

Class Play Publicity 3; FFA 1; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

SHARON CASTLE

Class Play Usher 3; Make Up Com. 4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Assist. Librarian 2,3,4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Circulation Mgr. 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Band 1,2; Festival Band 1; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Activities Staff 4; Finance Com. 4

GERALD LEWIS COOK

Prom Com. 3; Football 1,2; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

JOANNE JOSEPHINE COONEN

Class Play Usher 3,4; Prom Com. 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

JANET LEE CORCORAN

Class Play Usher 3; Ticket Com. 3,4; FHA 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Chorus 1,2; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

FRED W. DAMER

FFA 1,2,3,4; Treas. 3; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1,4; Broadcasting Council, Technician 2,3,4; Announcing 3,4; Atodnem Page Editor, Finance Com. 4

BETTY DANA

FHA 1; Prom Com. 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

DOROTHY MAE DONAGH

Transfer from Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Illinois; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

FRANKLIN T. DRIVER

NFL Active Mem. 1,2,3,4; Debate 1,2, Jr. Varsity 1, Varsity 2; Hi-Light Staff 3; Photo Editor 3; Make-Up Editor 3; D.O. Club 3,4; Broadcasting Council 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Atodnem Senior Staff, Finance Com. 4; Prom Com. 3

YVONNE DURAND

Class Play 4; Usher 3; Make-Up 3; Assist. Librarian 1,2,3,4; Prom Com. 3; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Com. 3,4; Broadcasting Council, Copy 4; Announcing 4; Chorus 1,2; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Page Editor, Finance Com. 4

ALAN LEE EDDY

Transfer from Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Illinois, 1,2,3

NORMAN F. EHLERS

Class Play 3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Pres. 4; Debate 2; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1,2,3,4; Broadcasting Council 4; Technician 3,4; Track 2,3,4; Atodnem Assoc. Sports Editor, Equipment Staff, Assist. Photographer, Finance 4

PATRICIA EHLERS

Class Pres. 4; Class Play Usher 3,4; Publicity 4; GAA 1,2,3,4; NFL Active Mem. 1,2,4; Vice Pres. 4; Debate 1, Jr. Varsity 1; DAR Award 4; Speech Contestant 2,4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; Chorus 3; Festival Chorus 3; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Art & Feature Editor, Maintenance, Finance Com. 4

NORMA JEAN EICH

Class Play Usher 3,4; Ticket Com. 3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pres. 3; Sec. 2; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; Chorus 1; Pep Club 3; Broadcasting Council, Copy & Sales Com. 4; Atodnem 4; Page Editor, Maintenance Com. 4; Candid Snaps, Finance 4

KEITH EICHORN

Prom Com. 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Football 1,4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4; Hi-Light Staff 4

JOHN E. ELSESSER

Building Trades 3,4; Debate 2; Prom Com. 3; Broadcasting Council Technician, Announcing 2,3,4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

KENNETH EMERICK

Class Play Usher 3,4; Publicity 4; NFL Active Mem. 1,2,3,4; Pres. 4; Sec.-Treas. 3; Assist. Librarian 3,4; Debate Varsity 2,3,4; Jr. Varsity 1,2; Speech Contestant 3,4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Council, Copy & Sales Com. 4; Announcing 2,3,4; Chorus 4; Atodnem Page Editor 4; Finance Com. 4; Quill & Scroll 4

JACK ETZBACH

Class Play Stage Const. Com. 3; NFL Active Mem. 1; Debate 1; Homecoming 1,4; D.O. Club 3,4; Basketball 1; Prom Com. 3; Atodnem Finance Com., Maintenance & Equipment Staff 4

EARL FINLEY

FFA 1,3; Treas. 1; Debate Varsity 4; Jr. Varsity 2; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council, Announcing 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Band Pres. 4; Chorus 3,4; Octet 3,4; Instrumental Ensemble 2,3; Festival Chorus 3,4; Football 2; Track 2; Atodnem Finance 4; Boys' Quartet 4; Track 4

RUSSELL HENRY FRITZ

Prom Com. 3; Basketball 1

ROBERTA FULLER

Transfer from Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Illinois; Homecoming Queen 4; Chorus 4; Quartet 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

RALPH E. GIBSON

Class Vice-Pres. 3; Class Play 3,4; Student Council 4; Parliamentarian 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Homecoming Attendant 2; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3; Atodnem Senior Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Finance Com. 4

BETTY GORMAN

Class Play 3; Usher 4; Ticket Com. 3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Vice-Pres. 4; Sec. 3; Volleyball Mgr. 2; Assist. Librarian 3; Debate 2; Speech Contestant 2; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council 4; Announcing 2,3; Chorus 3; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Page Editor, Senior Staff, Finance Com. 4

MARY JANE GOUBEUX

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Publicity 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Festival Chorus 1, 2; Atodnem Candid Snaps, Finance Com. 4; Prom Com. 3

CYNTHIA HARMON

Class Play Usher 3; Debate 1, 2, Jr. Varsity 1, 2; Prom Com 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Announcing 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Festival Band 2, 3; Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextet 1; Girls' Quartet 2, 4; Girls' Trio 3, 4; Octet 3, 4; Festival Chorus 1; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4; Quill & Scroll Award 4

NORMA HERBERT

Class Play 3; Stage Const. Com. 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Chorus 3; Festival Chorus 3; Pep Club 3; Pres. 3; Atodnem Senior Staff 4; Finance Com. 4

JEANNE JOANNE HOCHSTATTER

Class Vice-Pres. 3; Class Play 3; Ticket Com. 3, 4; GAA 4; Student Council 2, 3; Debate 2, Jr. Varsity 2; Speech Contestant 3, 4; Prom Com. 2, 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Announcing 2, 3, 4; Gamma Phi Attendant 1; Atodnem Homeroom Editor, Senior Staff, Finance Com. 4; Contest Play Make-Up Com. 4

ELDON D. HOELZER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Com. 1, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

DAVID HOF

Class Play Ticket Com. 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

SHIRLEY JONES

Class Play, Ticket Com. 3, 4; Stage Const. 4; FHA 1; Reporter 1; Prom Com. 3; Girls' Sextet 3; Gamma Phi Attendant 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

DEAN KEEFE

Class Play Publicity 4; Stage Const. 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 1; Visual Aids Technician 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

DIANE KEEFE

Class Play Ticket Com. 4; Make-Up 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Assist. Librarian 3, 4; Speech Contestant 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Cheerleader 1, 2; Homecoming Com. 3, 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Chorus 1; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Senior Staff, Finance Com. 4

DON KESSEL

Class Play Stage Const. 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 2; Homecoming Attendant 1; Chorus 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-captain 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-captain 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Mech. Arts Staff, Finance Com. 4

IOYCE KESSLER

Prom Com. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 3; Festival Chorus 1; Festival Band 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

SONYA KILLION

Class Play Usher 4; Ticket Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Homecoming Com. 4; Band 1; Chorus 1, 3; Festival Chorus 1, 3; Atodnem Activity Staff, Finance Com. 4

PATRICIA JOANNE KLECKNER

Class Play Ticket Com. 3, 4; GAA 3, 4; FHA 3; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

CHRISTINE A. KLEIN

Class Play Usher 3; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Festival Chorus 1, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

DARLENE KLINEFELTER

Class Play Ticket Com. 4; GAA 1; FHA 1, 2; Prom Com. 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

LORA JEAN KLINEFELTER

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Ticket Com. 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

ED KLINGE

Class Play 3; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming King 4; Technician 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

VIOLET MAE KORNEMAN

Class Play Usher 4; Ticket Com. 4; NFL Active Mem. 2, 3; Debate 2; Speech Contestant 2; Prom Com. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Librarian 4; Instrumental Soloist 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 3, 4; Festival Band 3, 4; Atodnem Activities Editor, Page Editor, Photographer's Assistant, Finance Com. 4

DORIS KRAMER

Class Vice-Pres. 1; Class Play Usher 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Tumbling Mgr. 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; NFL Pres. 3; Active Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Jr. Varsity 1; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Announcing 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 4; Festival Chorus 1; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com., Faculty Staff 4

EVELYN ANN KUEHL

Class Play 4; Ticket Com. 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Mgr. 3; Individual Sports 2; Freshman Rep.; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance Com. Candid Snaps Co-chairman 4

DORIS LONGBEIN

Class Play Ticket Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Chorus 1; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

SHIRLEY McCONVILLE

Class Play Usher 3; Make Up 4; GAA 3, 4; Social Chrm. 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Prom Com. 2, 3; Homecoming Com. 2, 4; Chorus 3; Atodnem Senior Staff, Finance Com. 4

DICK McMAHON

Class Play Stage Const. Com. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

JOHN MEYER

Class Play 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Visual Aids Technician 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4; Contest Play 4

RONALD MILAZZO

Class Play Usher 4; FFA 2, 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing 4; Chorus 3; Candy Sales 3, 4; Atodnem Page Editor, Maintenance, Finance Com. 4

BRUCE MILLER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-Pres. 3; Pres. 4; Treas. 2; Prom Com. 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

PATTI MILLER

Class Sec-Treas. 3; Class Play Usher 3, 4; Contest Play Prompter 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Speech Contestant 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 4; Attendant 1; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Announcing 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Festival Band 2; Chorus 2, 3; Festival Chorus 3; Pep Club 3; Quill & Scroll 4; Atodnem Faculty Staff Assist., Finance Com. 4; Prom Com. 3

TIM MUNSON

Class Play Stage Const. 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Attendant 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Photographer's Assist., Associate Sports Editor, Finance Com. 4

HAROLD NURNBERG JR.

Prom Com. 3; D.O. Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4; FFA 1, 2, 4

DON OBERHOLZ

Class Pres. 4; Class Play Stage Const. 4; NFL Active Member 1, 2, 3; Debate 1, Jr. Varsity 1; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Broadcasting Council Announcing 1; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Distribution Chairman, Equipment Staff, Finance Com. Chrmn. 4

DENA ROSE ODLE

Thornton Fractional, Calumet City, Ill. 1, 2; Class Play Usher 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance Com., Candid Snaps Chairman 4



BARBARA JEAN OLSON
Class Play Ticket Com. 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3;
Chorus 3; Finance Com. 4

MARY KATHERINE OWENS
Class Play Prompter 3, Make-Up 4; GAA 3, 4, Individual
Sports Mgr. 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 2, 4; Chorus
1; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Senior Staff, Finance 4

NOLA MARIE PALMATIER
Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Com. 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Atodnem
Finance 4

NANCY PHALEN
Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Com. 4, Make-Up 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4;
FHA 3; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 4;
Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Band 1; Pep Club
3; Atodnem Finance 4

CLAUDETTE PIERSON
Class Play Usher 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Home-
coming Com. 1; Band 1, 2, Instrumental Ensemble 2, Festival
Band 2; Atodnem Finance 4

DONNA PILLER
Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming
Com. 1; Assistant Librarian 2, 4; Band 1, 2, Instrumental En-
semble 2; Atodnem Finance 4

JACKQUILINE RAE POWELL
Class Play Ticket Com. 3, 4, Publicity 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4;
FHA 1; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 4, Festival Chorus 4; Pep Club
3; Atodnem Page Editor, Finance 4

BERNARD RAPP
Class Play Ticket Com. 3, 4; D.O. Club 3, 4; Chorus 1, Atodnem
Finance 4

JOANNE MARIE RAPP
Chorus 2; Cafeteria Assistant 4

SUE ANN RAVE
Class Play Make-Up Com. 3, Publicity 4; Contest Play Make-
Up Com. 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Speech Con-
testant 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, Quill & Scroll 4;
Homecoming Com. 1, 4, Attendant 3; Broadcasting Council
Copy & Sales Com. 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 4; Sextet 1,
Quartet 2, 4, Trio 3, 4, Octet 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 1,
2; Festival Chorus 1, 4; Festival Band 2; Pep Club 3; Atodnem
Faculty Editor, Finance 4

WAYNE RICH
Class Play Stage Const. Com. 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Football
1, 2, 3, 4

JAMES W. RICHARDSON
Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Ill. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 4, Quartet
4, Octet 4, Festival Chorus 4

LOUIE ROHS
Prom Com. 3; Broadcasting Council Announcing 1; Chorus 4,
Festival Chorus 4; Atodnem Finance 4

FRED ROSS
Prom Com. 3; D.O. Club 4; Atodnem Finance 4; FFA 2, 3

SHIRLEY SAYLOR
Hall High School, Spring Valley, Ill. 1, 2; Class Play Ticket
Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

CHARLOTTE ESTHER SCHLESINGER
Class Vice-Pres. 2; Class Play Usher 3, Prompter 4, Ticket
Com. 3, 4; GAA 3, 4, Hockey Mgr. 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecom-
ing Com. 1, 2, 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4;
Chorus 1, 3, 4, Sextet 2, 3, Octet 3, 4, Festival Chorus 1, 3, 4;
Band 1, 2, Festival Band 2; Pep Club 3, Sec.-Treas. 3; Atod-
nem Homeroom Staff, Finance Com. 4

HAROLD LE ROY SCHLESINGER
Class Play Publicity 4; Contest Play 4; Speech Contestant 3;
Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Council Copy &
Sales Com. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Instrumental Soloist 2, 3, 4,
Instrumental Ensemble 1, 4, Festival Band 3, 4; Atodnem
Finance Com. 4

BARBARA SCHMIDT
Class Play Make-Up Com. 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant
Librarian 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Make-Up Editor 4;
Atodnem Senior Staff, Finance Com. 4; Quill & Scroll Award 4

RONALD SHERIDAN
Transfer from Paw Paw School, Paw Paw, Illinois 1, 2, 3

RALPH SLOAN
Prom Com. 3; D.O. Club 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

JUDY SMITH
Class Play 3, Make-Up Com. 4; Assistant Librarian 4; Debate
2, Jr. Varsity 2; Hi-Light Staff 4, Feature Editor 4; Homecom-
ing Com. 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Page Editor,
Candid Snaps, Staff, Finance Com. 4; Quill & Scroll Award 4

JERRY SONDEROTH
Class Pres. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 4, Instrumental En-
semble 1, 2, 3, 4, Festival Band 3; Chorus 3, 4, Octet 3, 4,
Festival Chorus 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Atodnem
Finance Com. 4; Track 4; Boys' Quartet 4

MARY ANN SONNTAG
Class Play Prompter 3, 4, Make-Up 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Home-
coming Com. 2, 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Sales Com.
4; Chorus 3, 4, Octet Accompanist 4, Chorus Accompanist
4, Festival Chorus 4; Pep Club 3; Atodnem Homeroom Staff,
Candid Snaps Staff, Finance Com. 4

ALAN SPENADER
Building Trades 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Football 1, 2, 3; Track
1, 2

LYNN SPENADER
Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, In-
strumental Ensemble 3, 4, Festival Band 4; Candy Sales 3;
Atodnem Page Editor, Equipment Staff, Finance Com. 4

RUTH ELAINE STEELE
Class Play Usher 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Broad-
casting Council Copy & Sales Com. 4; Atodnem Finance Com.
4

WILLIAM STEPHENITCH
Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council
Technician & Announcing 4; Basketball 1, Football 2; Team
Mgr. 3; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

DUANE L. STEVENS
Class Play 4; Prom Com. 3; D.O. Club 4; Building Trades 3;
Vocal Soloist 1, 2, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

MERNA I. STEVENSON
Class Play Usher 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem
Finance Com. 4

ALAN STIEL
Class Play Stage Const. Com. 3; Prom Com. 3; Basketball 1;
Atodnem Finance Com. 4

SHIRLEY ANN SWAGER
Class Play Ticket Com. 3; Chorus 1; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

CAROL MARY TRUCKENBROD
Class Play Ticket Com. 3, 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Prom
Com. 3; Chorus 3, Festival Chorus 3; Pep Club Vice-Pres. 3;
Atodnem Mech. Arts Chairman, Finance Com. 4

FRANCES TRUCKENBROD
Transfer from Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Illinois 1, 2, 3,
Atodnem Finance Com. 4

GEORGE UNTZ
Transfer from Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, Illinois 1, 2, 3

LINDA VERMILLION
Assistant Librarian 4; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 1; Atodnem
Finance Com. 4

DAVID VICKREY
Transfer from St. Bede Academy 1; FFA 3, 4; Prom Com. 3

ALLEN WALTER
Class Play Stage Const. Com. 3; Prom Com. 3; D.O. Club 4;
Football 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

ALBERTA LOIS WEISS
Class Play 4, Ticket Com. 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; NFL Active
Mem. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-Pres. 3; Debate 1, 2, 3, Jr. Varsity 1, 2,
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Chorus 1, 4, Festival Chorus 1, 4; Broadcasting Council An-
nouncing 4; Atodnem Page Editor 4, Finance Com. 4

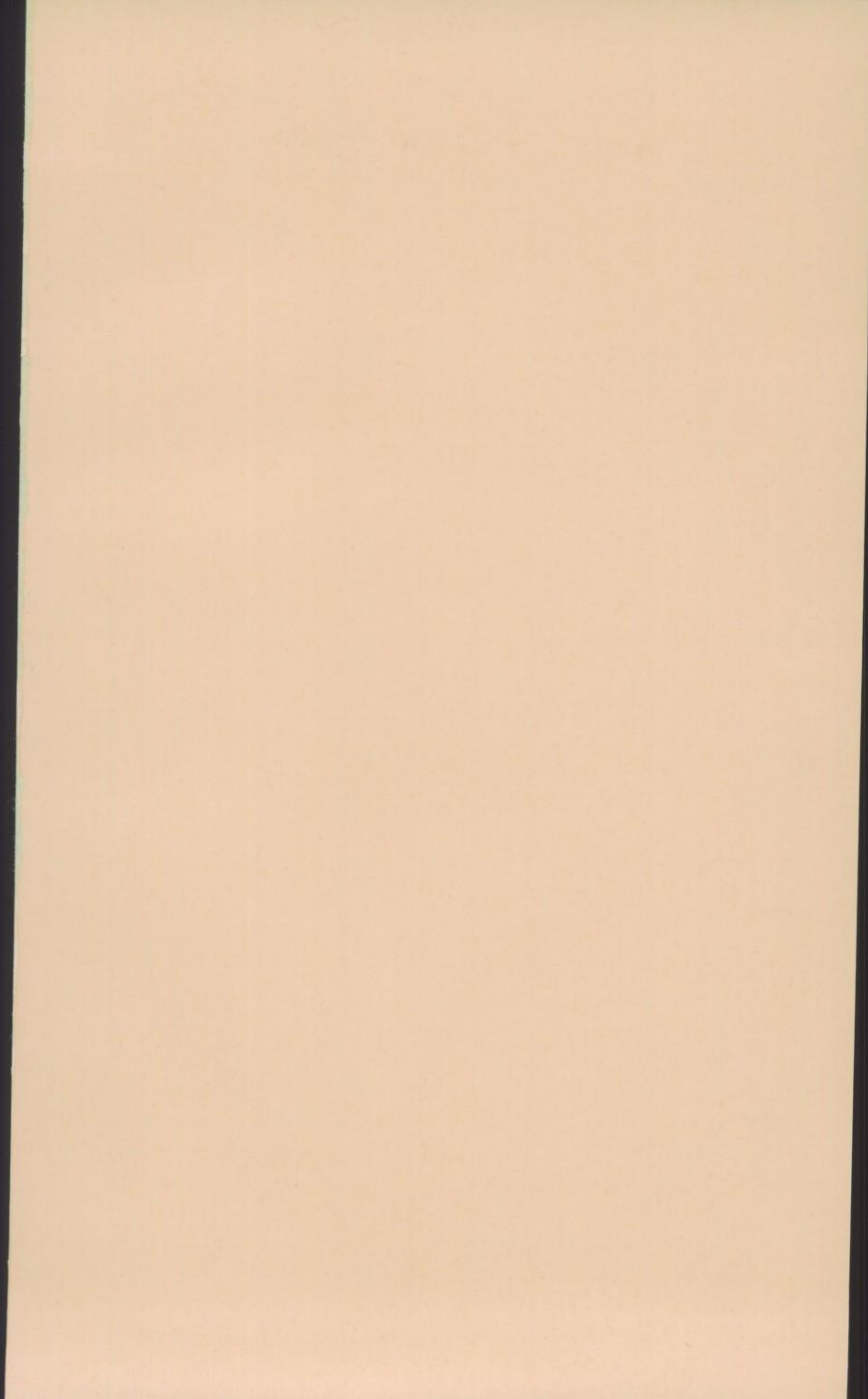
ELIZABETH WELLS
Debate 2; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Festival Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance Com. 4

JANET LEE WELSCH
Class Sec.-Treas. 1; Class Play 3, 4, Contest Play 3; GAA 1,
2, 3, 4, Pres. 4, Baseball Mgr. 3, Individual Sports Mgr. 2;
Student Council 3, 4; NFL Active Mem. 2, 3, 4; Assistant
Librarian 4; Debate 2; Speech Contestant 2, 4; Prom Com. 3;
Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Broadcasting Council 3, Copy
& Sales Com. 4, Announcing 4; Chorus 1, 3, Festival Chorus 3;
Pep Club 3; Atodnem Page Editor, Senior Staff, Finance Com.
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LEE WENDEL
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, FFA Sec. 3; Basketball 1

PATRICIA ANN WHITMORE
Class Play Student Director 3, Usher 4, Ticket Com. 3, Stage
Const. Com. 4, Contest Play Prompter 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4,
Hockey Mgr. 2, Basketball Mgr. 3; Prom Com. 3, Hi-Light
Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 3, 4; Broadcasting Council An-
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KEN ZIMMERLEIN
Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; Basketball 1, 2

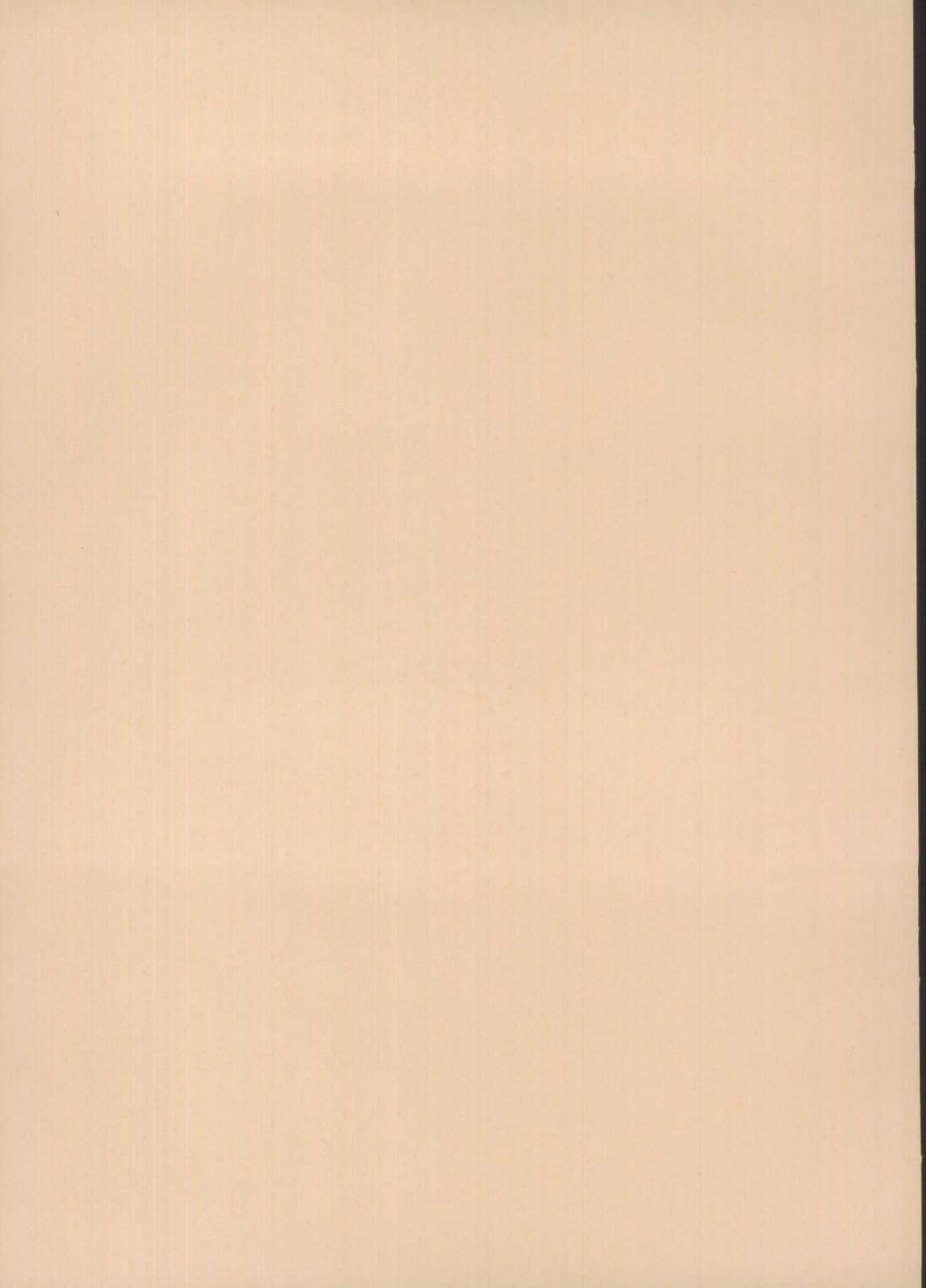




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ACTIVITIES







STANDING: J. Elsesser, R. Gibson
SEATED: N. Ehlers, G. Beardsley

STUDENT COUNCIL CHOSEN TO TAKE THE CONTROLS

"In order to encourage interschool relationship, to give practice and show interest in school management, and in order to narrow the conflict, to raise the standards of student conduct, scholarship and sportsmanship, and to bring about correlation of efforts of students and faculty, this organization is established."

Student Council opened its activities last September with the annual Freshman Orientation Day. This day was especially important to the freshmen because on this day the new students received all the needed information to put them on the right foot for the oncoming years at MHS. The president explained major and minor details of the school system, after which the freshmen were taken on a tour of the school. The first week of school, council members directed the students to their rooms until they became fully acquainted for themselves. Without the helpful guidance of the Student Council, there would obviously have been great confusion.

Then came our annual Homecoming Day on October 1, with parade, pep sessions, and all the trimmings. This year's Council chose "Trojan Crusade" for their theme, which was carried out throughout the entire celebration.

Farther on into the year we had our Christmas Dance. The tree annually bought by the Council was put in the cafeteria until after the dance and then moved to the landing above the main stairs. The halls were all decked out in red and green to make merry the Yuletide—thanks to the Council.

Then the State Convention, held in Peoria, Illinois, at the Hotel Pere Marquette on April 22-23, brought the Council activities to a close. Delegates were Jean Elsesser and Jo Ann Vogelsang.

Officers for the 1954-1955 year were: Council president, Norman Ehlers; vice-president, Gary Beardsley; secretary-treasurer, Jean Elsesser; and parliamentarian, Ralph Gibson.

The many activities and duties to be upheld by Council were more successful because of the helpful guidance of the advisers, Mr. Koeller and Mr. Davies.

STANDING BACK ROW: D. Schultz, M. Campbell, R. Gulick.
STANDING MIDDLE ROW: E. Nims, M. Hendrick, T. Jacob, C. Brown, F. Wehmeyer, K. Doenier, R. Jauch, J. Vogelsang, J. Welsch, B. Tentler, D. Kramer, R. Killion, C. Calderwood, J. Beardsley, P. Gorman.
SEATED FRONT ROW: Mr. Koeller, Adviser, G. Beardsley, N. Ehlers, J. Elsesser, R. Gibson, Mr. Davies, Adviser



Our eighth annual Homecoming Day was held on October 1, 1954. This year Council decided to again have the parade instead of skits. So the week before Homecoming all attention was turned to the construction of a Homecoming float. Student Council carried out the theme, "Trojan Crusade," by putting on their float a large Trojan horse and a "valiant" Trojan. All classes and organizations also had a float to represent themselves in the parade. Some of the following are examples of the themes that were chosen: "Argyles will sock 'Em Dead," GAA; "Let's Make the Pirates Walk the Plank," senior class; "Even Girls Can Lick 'Em," junior class; "Sink the Pirates," sophomore class; "Ship to Ottawa," freshman class; "Trojans Press Ottawa," journalism class; "Rose Bound Trojans Spear Pirates," FFA; "It's in the Bag," FHA; and "Ottawa's Weapon: They Need It," DO class. The floats were beautiful, and we think that the parade was a huge success.

Then came the big pep session held on the platform of the Illinois Central Freight office.

Many cheers and chants were led by the cheerleaders and ended up with the victorious "On Mendota!"

Mendota did "go" on that night in one of the most brilliant games of the season, to set back the Ottawa Pirates by a 12-6 score.

The climax of the day was the big dance with the music furnished by Don Adam's orchestra. During the dance came the big event — the crowning of our Homecoming king and queen. Our queen was Roberta Fuller and the king, Ed Klinge. Attendants were: Gary Beardsley and Phyllis Bierwirth, senior class; JoAnne Vogelsang and Bob Zimmerman, junior class; Karen Doenier, Ronnie Killion, Marilyn Swope, and Glen Truckenbrod, sophomore class; Marilyn Kerns and Fritz Wehmeyer, freshman class. Crownbearers were Connie Lewis and Bobby Gore.

This year's Homecoming, as we look back, is above all others. We know it never could have been so if it hadn't been for the work and effort of the 1954-1955 Student Council.





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BACK ROW: E. Finley, J. Sondgeroth, D. Cotton, L. Stremlau, J. Meyer, H. Schlesinger, D. Cotton, R. Clason, D. Parks
 FIFTH ROW: V. Korneman, I. Wilson, J. Bader, J. Kuehl, F. Stafford, N. Johnson, G. Dilbeck, A. Truckenbrod
 FOURTH ROW: C. Harmon, K. Morehouse, M. Draper, J. Hopkins, E. Nims, L. Merritt, S. Whitmore, R. Bauer, V. Gove
 THIRD ROW: C. Forth, C. Carnahan, D. Schammel, J. Broughton, L. Spenader, E. Rittmeyer, E. Korneman, M. Hendrick
 SECOND ROW: B. Stafford, L. Prescott, S. Yost, S. Setchell, D. Jones, M. Schlesinger, P. Watson, K. Fassig, J. Kessler
 FRONT ROW: B. Jacob, W. Sauer, C. Betz, J. Corrigan, K. Piller, V. Auchstetter, L. Auchstetter, E. Schlick
 NOT PICTURED: L. Richards, S. Riegel, D. Rich

THE BAND SOUNDED

REALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD

The band made their first performance of the year at the fair. The band has played at the harness races for many years now and the members always look forward to limbering their lips here.

When school started, the organization got right down to brass tacks by practicing for the first football game. The rest of the school gradually became accustomed to the shouts of the members as they marched down and ran back.

As soon as football was over the band started practicing selections for the NCIC Music Festival which was held in Rock Falls on November 20. All the members who attended this festival worked hard, but all agreed that they had had a good time.

The band combined with the chorus for the annual Christmas concert on December 22. It played a variety of classical and popular selections at this appearance.

The officers that were elected to rule the "rocket" this year were: Earl Finley, president; Jerry Sondgeroth, vice-president; Ruth Ann Bauer, secretary-treasurer; and Violet Koreman, librarian.

The custom of bringing fudge on birthdays was continued this year in the same manner as last year. The members would sing "Happy Birthday" to the appropriate member, and he would pass out the fudge. For some reason or other the first two clarinet players would always manage to get more than any one else, but it takes more to fill their stomachs.

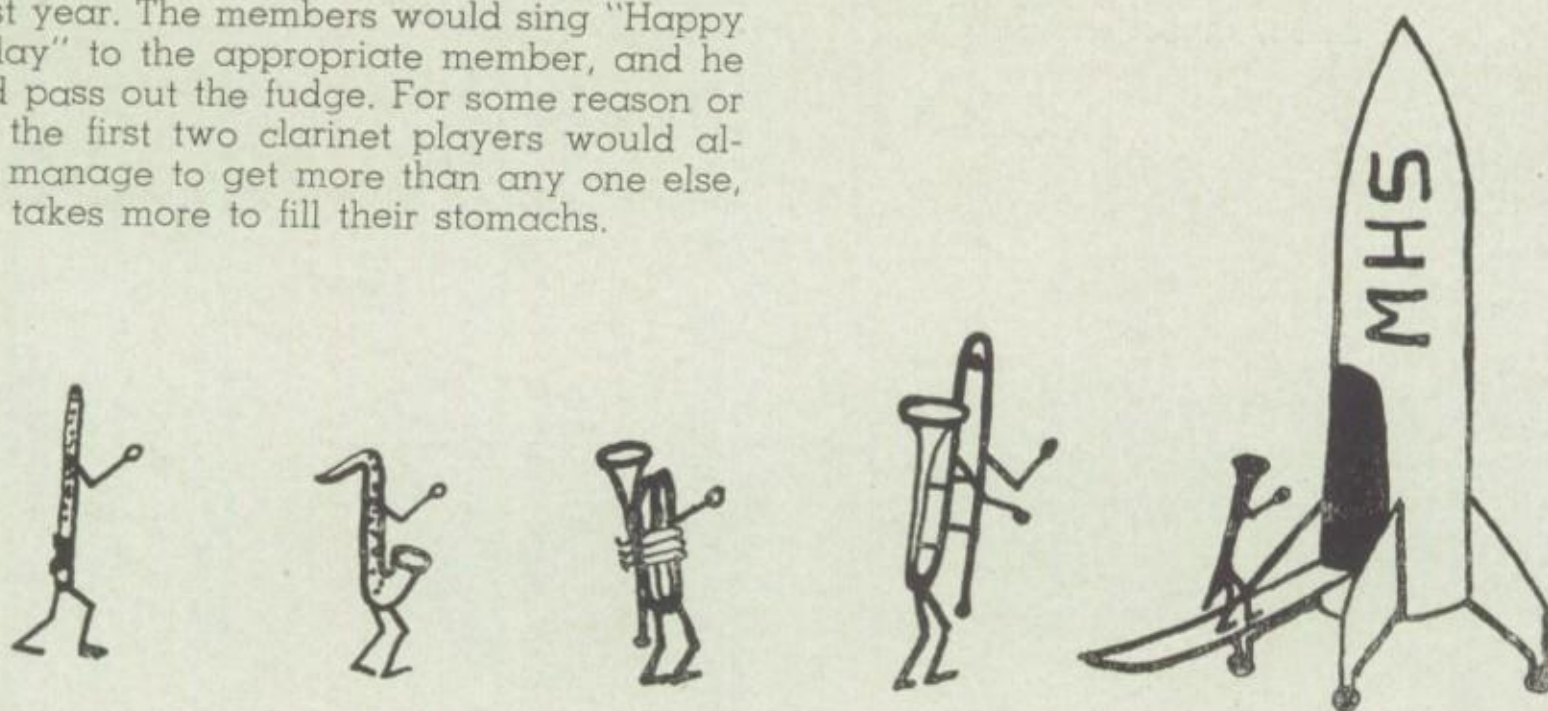
This year the band was joined by a group of eighth-graders. There were seven of them who were advanced enough to play with the regular high school band. These students gave up their lunch hour to gain experience for their next four years with this MHS activity.

For the two weeks before district music contest on March 12 the members who were not planning to take the 8:00 a.m. "rocket" to Marquette met in the study hall. The purpose of this was to give the contestants more time to receive help and advice from Mr. Schlick.

After state contest on April 29 the band started to devote itself fully to its annual spring concert. This is always the big event of the season and the members work extra hard for it.

Ten seniors will be leaving the organization this year. All these people have worked hard during their four years and will miss the fun they had in the band at MHS.

Mr. Schlick has done a fine job of leading the band during the years he has been here and deserves to be congratulated by the students of this school for his fine work.



VOCAL MUSIC



MIXED CHORUS

BACK ROW: N. Christman, D. Budach, P. Whitmore, D. Childers, J. Sondgeroth, J. Richardson, K. Jackson, C. Carter, K. Emerick, G. Pohl, E. Finley, C. Klein, J. Gehant, M. Draper, R. Bauer
 FOURTH ROW: C. Harmon, N. Welty, A. Archer, V. Gove, R. Tower, B. Saueressig, J. Lines, L. Rohs, W. Andrews, K. Heinzeroth, J. Burkart, L. Merritt, D. Schultz, E. Wells
 THIRD ROW: N. Roach, R. Spitz, B. Burley, J. Powell, B. Kilburn, H. Goebel, L. Jacobs, B. Augenbaugh, B. Jacob, S. Snyder, M. Elsesser, M. Swope, D. Kilburn, P. Delhotel
 SECOND ROW: J. Mauch, P. Watson, M. Jackson, J. Johns, J. Neuhalfen, S. Michel, R. Fuller, S. Yost, S. Rave, P. Miller, A. Weiss, D. Kramer, C. Schlesinger, C. Calderwood, J. Elsesser, K. Wagner
 FRONT ROW: E. Rittmeyer, S. Schuttler, P. Howarth, M. Maus, C. Brown, P. Booth, E. Gray, M. Cook, Mr. Campbell, S. Egler, D. Hoffman, J. Kessler, W. Whipple, C. Ossman, M. Kerns, M. Sonntag



OCTET

REAR: J. Richardson, J. Sondgeroth, E. Finley, B. Andrews
 FRONT: M. Sonntag (accompanist), C. Schlesinger, C. Harmon, R. Bauer, S. Rave



SENIOR TRIO

C. Harmon
 R. Bauer
 S. Rave

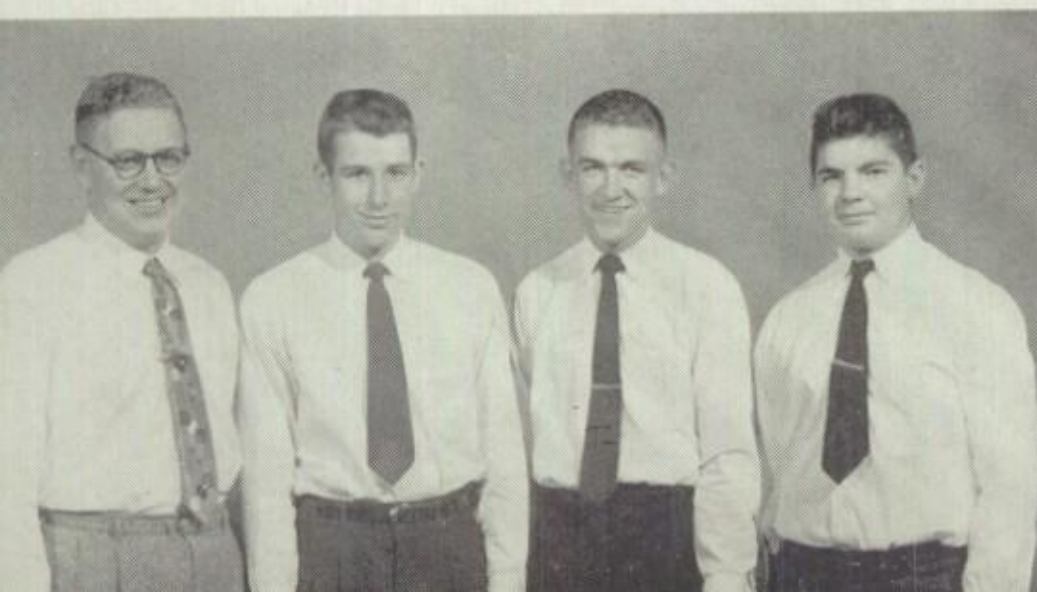


FRESHMAN TRIO

J. Johns
 S. Yost
 C. Brown

BOYS' QUARTET

J. Richardson, J. Sondgeroth, E. Finley, B. Andrews



GIRLS' QUARTET

R. Fuller, C. Harmon, R. Bauer, S. Rave



VOCAL MUSIC

This year's chorus department consisted of three choruses—a boys' chorus, a girls' chorus, and a mixed chorus. This group was subdivided into various ensembles. The different ensembles presented many numbers at different places, meetings, and events during the year.

Mr. Campbell gave constant supervision, encouragement, and advice to the various groups and choruses.

Some of the members took part in contest. The year was especially highlighted by the spring concert. This concert featured the three choruses and the various ensembles.

The choruses worked on a variety of types of selections both humorous and serious.

The members all put their heart into their work and made a truly outstanding showing, and Mr. Campbell and they should be very proud of their accomplishments.

FIRST SOPRANOS

BACK ROW: M. Sonntag, E. Wells, C. Harmon, C. Klein, P. Whitmore, J. Burkart

SECOND ROW: J. Mauch, M. Elsesser, S. Yost, C. Schlesinger, M. Cook

FIRST ROW: M. Maus, P. Booth, J. Kessler, D. Kilburn, S. Egler

SECOND SOPRANOS

BACK ROW: J. Gehant, B. Burley, R. Bauer, D. Budach, N. Christman, M. Draper, D. Kramer, P. Miller, N. Welty

SECOND ROW: R. Fuller, M. Swope, P. Delhotal, E. Rittmeyer, A. Archer, S. Michel, S. Snyder, R. Spitz

FIRST ROW: S. Schuttler, W. Whipple, C. Ossman, D. Hoffman, J. Johns, M. Jackson, N. Roach

ALTOS

BACK ROW: A. Weiss, J. Elsesser, D. Schultz, L. Merritt, V. Gove, C. Calderwood

SECOND ROW: P. Watson, S. Rave, D. Childers, J. Powell, K. Wagner

FIRST ROW: C. Brown, E. Gray, J. Neuhaufen, M. Kerns, P. Howarth

BOYS' CHORUS

BACK ROW: J. Sondgeroth, J. Richardson, K. Jackson, C. Carter, K. Emerick, G. Pohl, E. Finley

SECOND ROW: R. Tower, B. Saueressig, J. Lines, L. Rohs, B. Andrews, K. Heinzeroth

FIRST ROW: M. Sonntag (accompanist), B. Kilburn, H. Goebel, T. Jacob, B. Augenbaugh, B. Jacob, Mr. Campbell





CHORUS FESTIVAL

TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: E. Finley, J. Richardson, J. Sondgeroth, T. Jacob, L. Rohs, H. Goebel, B. Andrews, R. Tower, B. Kilburn, C. Klein, P. Whitmore, R. Bauer, M. Sonntag, J. Powell, A. Weiss, A. Archer, E. Wells, D. Childers, J. Elsesser, C. Schlesinger, D. Kilburn, S. Rave, C. Calderwood, J. Mauch

BAND FESTIVAL

TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: D. Cotton, N. Johnson, L. Stremmlau, D. Cotton; L. Spenader, G. Dilbeck, H. Schlesinger, S. Whitmore, P. Watson, L. Merritt, A. Truckenbrod, V. Korneman; L. Prescott, M. Schlesinger, B. Jacob; V. Auchstetter, J. Kuehl, J. Kessler; (Absent from picture—S. Riegel)



Even Rockets stopped
to hear the

MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday, November 20, nineteen MHS band members and twenty-four MHS chorus members boarded their improvised space ship and headed for Rock Falls. There they participated in the 14th annual NCIC music festival. The ten schools in the NCIC sent their "upper-crust" musicians to the festival to form the 200-piece band and 350-voice chorus.

All day the band and chorus participants struggled, practicing the numbers to be given during the evening concert.

This year the band was under the able direction of Harold Walters, well known composer and arranger. Among the numbers played during the concert was "The Golden Eagle Concert March", one of Mr. Walters' compositions.

The chorus was directed by Olaf Christainsen, who ranks as one of the outstanding choral directors in the nation.

Mendota High was honored by having one of their seniors, Earl Finley, chosen to sing the solo in one of the chorus numbers. Earl did a wonderful job and made his classmates very proud to know him.

The voices blended beautifully, and ended the concert very effectively by singing "Peace In Our Time" with the band accompanying them. This was the premier performance of this number.

Mendota students returned home tired, but happy with pleasant memories. They were all elated with the realization of a day well spent.

RESULTS OF DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

I State

Tenor Saxophone Solo—H. Schlesinger
Woodwind Trio—R. Bauer, S. Riegel, and A. Truckenbrod
Trombone Trio—G. Dilbeck, E. Finley, and J. Sondgeroth
Flute Quartet—R. Bauer, C. Harmon, L. Merritt, and P. Watson

II

Trombone Solo—G. Dilbeck
Trombone Solo—J. Sondgeroth
Clarinet Quartet—B. Jacob, N. Johnson, V. Korneman, S. Riegel
Clarinet Quartet—C. Carnahan, R. Classon, J. Hopkins, E. Nims
Cornet Trio—J. Corrigan, L. Spenader, and F. Stafford
Flute Trio—V. Gove, S. Whitmore, and S. Yost
Girls' Trio—C. Brown, J. Johns, and S. Yost
Girls' Quartet—R. Bauer, R. Fuller, C. Harmon, and S. Rave
Mixed Ensemble—B. Andrews, R. Bauer, E. Finley, C. Harmon, J. Richardson, C. Schlesinger, and J. Sondgeroth

III

Vocal Solo—Earl Finley
Clarinet Solo—N. Johnson
Clarinet Solo—V. Korneman

We hit the highest spot at the **MUSIC CONTEST**

Saturday, March 12, was the day musicians and vocalists from miles around zoomed to Marquette High School in Ottawa to take part in the annual music contest. Twenty-six band members and twelve chorus members from MHS participated in this year's contest.

Some participants in the contest had practiced on their numbers as early as September. Others waited as late as January or February, but, at any rate, many hours of tremendously hard work went into these numbers. Weeks before contest our MHS contestants spent many hours during school, after school, and after supper working on their pieces with the excellent assistance and advice of Mr. Schlick and Mr. Campbell.

On the set day the selections were played at various halls and schools in Ottawa.

The beginning numbers were played or sung about 9:00 a.m., and the completion of the day's agenda took place about 5:00 in the afternoon.

Many elated and many disappointed lads and lassies, all weary, returned home that evening. The disappointed people kept their heads high and kept on trying to improve.

The fact that the ratings were lower this year didn't mean Mendota was left out. Four MHS events received a "I State" rating and advanced to the state contest. One of the MHS girls was near the board where results were posted when the "I State" was written beside the event she had taken part in. She was happy to say the least. In fact, she scared several nearby people by screaming. This year's state contest was held in Macomb, Illinois, on April 29.

The students participating who did not advance to state, as well as those who did, have gained much from music contest. They not only gained experience and knowledge of previous mistakes and weaknesses in their playing and singing, but they also had an opportunity to meet musicians from other schools, make new friends, talk with former friends, get their views on music, and learn more about other schools. All in all, in spite of the hard work and sometimes disappointments, music contestants had loads of fun and are glad they took part in the event.

Serving as accompanists for the various groups this year were: Nancy Johnson, Yvonne Durand, Gayle Dilbeck, and Cynthia Harmon.



BAND CONTEST

TOP TO BOTTOM; LEFT TO RIGHT: F. Stafford, R. Classon, J. Sondgeroth, H. Schlesinger, L. Stremlau, L. Merritt, A. Truckenbrod, G. Dilbeck, N. Johnson, C. Harmon, R. Bauer, J. Hopkins, L. Spenader, S. Whitmore, V. Gove, C. Forth, E. Nims, P. Watson, S. Yost, C. Carnahan, V. Korneman, J. Corrigan, C. Betz, B. Jacob, S. Riegel. Absent from picture, Earl Finley

CHORUS CONTEST

TOP TO BOTTOM; LEFT TO RIGHT: B. Andrews, J. Sondgeroth, J. Richardson, S. Rave, R. Bauer, C. Harmon, S. Yost, C. Schlesinger, C. Brown, R. Fuller, J. Johns. Absent from picture, Earl Finley



CARTELS, TERMS FOREIGN



VARSAITY DEBATE

E. Finley, K. Emerick, Mr. Koeller, A. Burkart, D. Kramer

If one country produced all the 'slazmoos' in the world, it would be called 'specialization'. Of course no normal person would really understand this unless they had lived, breathed, eaten and also debated the question:

Resolved: The federal government should initiate a policy of free trade among the friendly nations of the world.

This was a very difficult subject and it required every minute of the debaters' spare time. But of course, as all debaters who study under Mr. Koeller, they came through with flying colors.

They plunged right into the subject by attending Illinois annual "Workshop", held at Champaign, Illinois. There were sample debates given by experienced college debaters. Then faculty members of U. of I. gave their opinions on this year's subject. It proved to be very interesting and got the debaters off on the right foot.

Then the first debate tournament was held at Illinois Normal State College. The debaters.

FRESHMAN DEBATE

FOURTH ROW: E. Betz

THIRD ROW: J. Neuhalfen, K. Morehouse

SECOND ROW: T. Jacob, E. McCormick, B. Jacob, J. Johns

FIRST ROW: Mr. Koeller, L. Olson, F. Wehmeyer, C. Brown, D. Schultz



BOYCOTTS, TARIFFS —

TO US, BUT FAMILIAR TO DEBATERS

who participated were Doris Kramer and Alice Burkart, favoring the negative side of the question. Ken Emerick and Earl Finley fought for the affirmative. The negative won three out of four, and Doris and Alice received certificates of excellence.

The next month found these four varsity debaters studying very hard to prepare themselves for the high point of the debating year, the famous "Augie" Tournament held at Augustana College. The debaters engaged in six rounds of debating. Since the tournament lasted two days they stayed in the Fort Armstrong Hotel in Rock Island. A banquet was served honoring the debaters from all parts of Illinois. Mendota can be proud of its students who debated in this tournament. The affirmative, Ken and Earl, won two and lost four. The negative won three out of the six.

The conference tournament was held at Mendota. Again Mendota should be proud of their debaters for they fought hard and won a victorious battle for the first place trophy.

Also sharing the headlines with Mendota's varsity debaters were the freshman debaters of Mendota High School. Especially to be praised was their debate at Aurora where one team tied for second place and the other won third. Their schedule also consisted of tournaments at Illinois Normal College, Arlington Heights, and Mendota, where they were host. These teams are to be congratulated; for as Mr. Koeller stated, "They did exceptionally fine work for freshman teams."

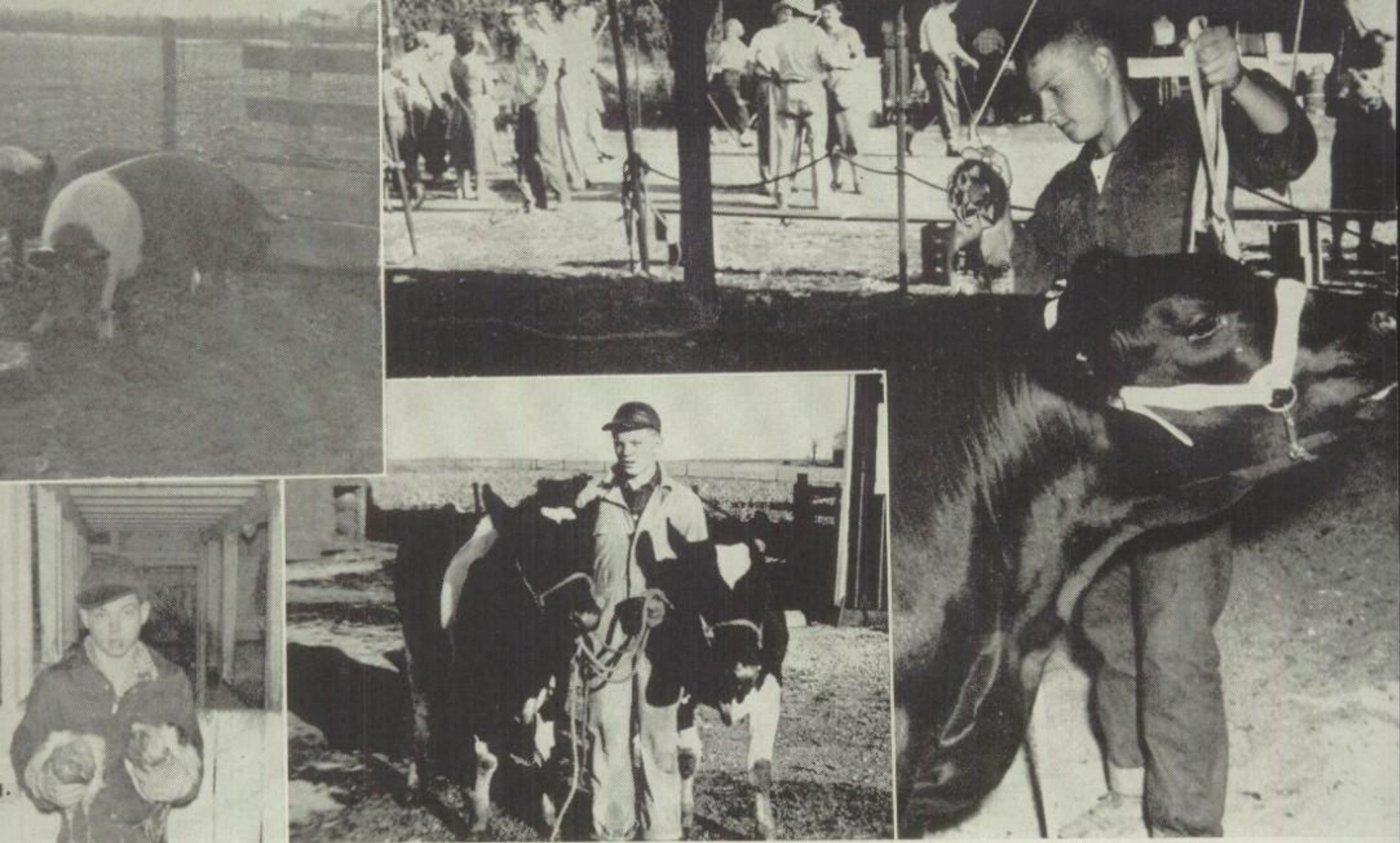
The varsity debaters then wound up the debating year by participating in the sectional tournament held at Calumet City. The result was a third place tie with LaGrange. The negative won three out of three, and the affirmative won none.

Although the debaters agreed that this year's question was very difficult and required a lot of work, they also agreed that there is nothing more thrilling than to hear the words, "Mendota wins first place in the conference tournament!"

NFL

THIRD ROW: A. Weiss, F. Wehmeyer, D. Schultz, J. Welsch T. Driver
SECOND ROW: J. Johns, C. Brown, D. Kramer, V. Korneman
FIRST ROW: Mr. Koeller, A. Burkart, P. Ehlers, K. Emerick.





A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR 1955

Every member of the FFA must have a project of some kind pertaining to agriculture. He keeps records in an official record book sold to him by the FFA. Keeping accurate records is part of his training.

Ken Neidetcher	Dairy cow
Elwood Kidd	11 Guernsey cows
Dick Althaus	P.B. breeding herd & beef steer
William Guilfoyle	Brown Swiss dairy heifer
Glen Truckenbrod	Angus heifer & steer
Bill Burkardt	Beef steers
Dennis Wood	Guernsey heifer
Don Parks	Holstein cows
Clayton Frey	2 Holstein cows & calves
Neil Klinefelter	Beef steer
Dan Truckenbrod	Sow & litter
Dick Brandt	2 P.B. Guernsey cows
Bruce Baumgartner	4 Hamp. sows & litters
Norman Fassig	Angus cow
Harold Nurnberg	6 Duroc gilts
Dale Mellott	100 laying hens
Jim Franklin	Sow & litter
James Gehant	Guernsey heifer

Eugene Novak	4 Hamp. sows & litters
Frederick Pohl	4 Holstein cows & calves
Norman Parks	Beef steer
Eldon Hoelzer	3 sows & litters
Jan Schuster	Beef steers
Elmer Budach	Beef steers
Leo Funfsinn	2 sows & litters
Charles Rider	2 Hamp. sows & litters
Norman Schlesinger	2 Hamp. sows & litters
Fred Damer	2 Hamp. sows & litters
Art Frey	3 Brown Swiss cattle
Bruce Miller ..	Polled Hereford beef breeding herd
Lee Wendel	7 sows & litters
Al Aughenbaugh	4 sheep
Bob Auchstetter	Beef heifer
Ron Milazzo	Feeder pigs
Roger Browder	P.B. Duroc sow & litter
Kenneth Schlesinger	Angus heifer
Norbert Hochstatter	5 acres of corn

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Once again the curtain falls, and school closes upon the FFA group. Yet as they look back over the years, the members realize that much has been accomplished and that the training they received will make them the true Future Farmers of America.

Throughout the year many different projects and programs were organized, planned, and undertaken. One of these was the annual Parent and Son Banquet, which was held in December. The program for this banquet consisted of slides of various projects and talks presented by several members about the projects. A comic movie followed the slides and talks.

Funds for this organization came from money made at the concession stand at the football field and also from the Donkey-Basketball games, held every two years.

During the year about ten field trips were taken. In May, an all day judging trip was made in which all the neighboring schools and

MTHS participated. They went to several farms and judged dairy, hogs and beef.

Also, during the year, several awards were received by various members of the FFA. Every year the Federal North Iowa Grain Co. gives a traveling trophy to the boy with the best swine project, and this year it was won by Eugene Novak. Last year, Glen Truckenbrod won Grand Champion over all breeds for Section 8. Clayton Frey won Champion Holstein Heifer at the same fair.

On November 22, 1954, at a meeting held in the Agriculture room, officers were elected to preside over the FFA group for the coming year.

OFFICERS

President	Roger Browder
Vice-President	Glen Truckenbrod
Secretary	Eugene Novak
Treasurer	Richard Althaus
Sentinel	Clayton Frey
Reporter	Robert Auchstetter

BACK ROW: E. Budach, B. Miller, C. Rider, L. Funfsinn, D. Brandt, F. Damer, R. Milazzo, J. Franklin, D. Parks.
 FOURTH ROW: H. Nurnberg, W. Guilfoyle, D. Mellott, F. Pohl, J. Schuster, N. Schlesinger, K. Neidetcher, N. Fassig.
 THIRD ROW: B. Burkardt, A. Frey, B. Baumgartner, N. Hochstatter, E. Kidd, D. Wood, L. Wendel.
 SECOND ROW: D. Truckenbrod, N. Parks, E. Hoelzer, A. Aughenbaugh, K. Schlesinger, J. Gehant, N. Klinefelter.
 FRONT ROW: B. Auchstetter, G. Truckenbrod, E. Novak, R. Browder, R. Althaus, C. Frey, Mr. Morris.





BACK ROW: G. Buettner, N. Eich, E. Schammel, D. Schammel, J. Larabee, R. Herbert, A. Slotter, M. McManus, S. Young, L. McIntyre, S. Phalen
 SECOND ROW: C. Nance, E. Wood, D. Medlar, M. Bird, S. Nurnberg, J. Mauch, J. Cotton, J. Corcoran, M. Phalen, D. Kilburn
 FRONT ROW: Adviser, Miss Johnston, P. Rider, D. Budach, B. Druen, J. Phillips, D. Larabee, N. Willard, Adviser, Miss Sheckler, not pictured: D. Longbein, R. Steele)

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

The FHA is an all-girl organization which requires its members to have at least one year of home economics. At least one meeting a month is held.

The FHA has eight purposes; one purpose is carried out at each meeting. The members work together at these creeds for a better and happier home life. They believe that helping to make happy homes, now and in the future, is the most important thing that they can do for democracy.

The emblem of the FHA is octagonal in shape. It bears the name of the organization around the top. Around the bottom the motto is given. In the center there is a house supported by two hands which symbolize the hands of youth.

The FHA flower is the red rose, symbolic of glowing, vibrant health. The FHA colors are red and white, standing for youth and purity. Their motto is "Toward New Horizons".

At the beginning of the year, the members had a scramble supper at the high school. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and fun was had playing games.

In the fall the FHA placed a float in the homecoming parade. The float carried out the organization colors, red and white. The theme of the float was "Sewing Up Geneseo". A

member of the organization was dressed in Geneseo colors and placed in a large bag. Other members were sewing the bag.

For National FHA Week, the chapter planned a different activity for each day. This was during the week of November 1. On that Monday, a rose, the FHA flower, was placed on each teacher's desk. Tuesday, the girls wore the FHA colors. Wednesday, the girls made kind gestures toward their parents and friends. Thursday, good deeds were done for the teachers. Friday, a general clean up in the halls and in the lockers was organized.

An important project for the organization was the sending of a Christmas box to Germany. This was filled with clothes and toys for children aged nine to eighteen.

The mayor of Mendota was guest speaker at one of the meetings. Mayor Troupis chose as his topic "The American Way of Life". All the members enjoyed his talk very much.

The FHA members invited their mothers to a meeting in the spring of the year to watch a sewing demonstration.

The officers for the year were as follows: president, Jean Phillips; vice-president, Dorothy Larabee; secretary, Nancy Willard; treasurer, Delores Budach; reporter, Barbara Druen; degree chairman, Peggy Rider.



"TOWARD NEW HORIZONS"

1. FHA week members participated in cleaning the school.
2. FHA officers met to plan meetings for the year.
3. Advisers consulted with the members and officers.
4. To Germany clothes were sent for children of all ages.
5. Emblems and rules were followed in each meeting.
6. A box was sent to some needy family in the home town.



BOARD
 BACK ROW: D. Childers, J. Welsch,
 B. Gorman, M. Rollins
 FOURTH ROW: J. Elsesser, M.
 Owens, C. Schlesinger
 THIRD ROW: K. Doenier, M. Hen-
 drik
 SECOND ROW: C. Brown, S. Mc-
 Conville
 FRONT ROW: Miss Dunlap; Adviser

Before our GAA rocket could take off, we had to elect our officers for this year. Janet Welsch was elected president, with Betty Gorman as vice-president, Jean Elsesser as secretary, and Karen Doenier as treasurer. The sports managers were also elected at this time. Later in the fall Cheryl Brown was elected freshman representative.

The first of our sports, as usual, was hockey. The manager was Charlotte Schlesinger.

Next on the list was tumbling. It was held in the hall outside the gym as the boys were using the gym for basketball at that time.

Mary Owens was individual sports manager. She was a very busy person for she had charge not only of tumbling, but swimming, bowling, and archery as well.

Again this year swimming was held at the Dickenson Memorial Building in Oglesby. As you see by the snapshots it was the big thing this year. A bus took the girls down at six-fifteen every Monday evening and brought them back around nine o'clock, tired but happy.

Bowling was introduced this year. The girls went out to Bowl-Air right after school on Thursdays. Then the fun began.

Basketball came this spring while the boys were outside for track. Deanna Childers was the manager.

GOOD HEALTH, SPORTSMANSHIP, WERE THE GOALS



BACK ROW: M. Swope, C. Pierson, D. Kramer, J. Powell, S. Michel
 SEVENTH ROW: D. Kilburn, P. Delhotal, J. Powell, J. Mauch, J. Bradshaw
 SIXTH ROW: D. Gibson, N. Phalen, P. Bierwirth, B. Schmidt
 FIFTH ROW: S. Snyder, M. Owens, S. McConville, N. Roach, M. Schlesinger
 FOURTH ROW: J. Neuhalfen, S. Yost, C. Walter, M. Hendrick, K. Doenier
 THIRD ROW: D. Hoffman, M. Elsesser, M. Cook, M. Jackson, J. Johns
 SECOND ROW: C. Greenwood, B. Jacob, P. Booth, S. Phalen, M. Kerns
 FRONT ROW: S. Schuttler, D. Jacob, B. Zinke, C. Brown

Softball was held in the spring when it was warm enough to go outside. Mary Ann Rollins was manager.

Last but not least was archery. It was held on the front lawn. Once the target was set up, it was every "man" for "himself."

The GAA had the "Dog House" for the first home football game. The girls used this as a means of filling the treasury. In this way they could plan for other things later in the year.

Heart Sister Week was February 10-15 this year. This is an annual affair held in order to acquaint the new members and the old ones. The informal initiation was



AND HIGH IDEALS REACHED IN THIS YEAR'S

GAA

Monday the 14, and the formal one Tuesday the 15. The formal initiation was held in the basement of the Methodist Church. The True Blue Class cooked a wonderful meal for seventy-four girls. There were twenty-four new members initiated at that time.

The GAA girls sponsored a party late in the spring. The theme was a carnival one. It was a happy time for everyone who came.

The girls had a lot of fun this year and hope the girls of the future will also. Miss Dunlap did a great deal to help the girls and keep them happy and busy.

BACK ROW: N. Johnson, P. Ehlers, J. Welsch, D. Childers, N. Herbert, B. Nance
 SEVENTH ROW: D. Schultz, R. Herbert, S. Castle, B. Gorman, D. Piller
 SIXTH ROW: S. Whitmore, L. Merritt, P. Whitmore, E. Kuehl, B. Olson
 FIFTH ROW: S. Klein, J. Hopkins, J. Vogelsang, B. Kidd, A. Truckenbrod
 FOURTH ROW: V. Gove, R. Foster, M. Draper, K. Morehouse, A. Lipke
 THIRD ROW: P. McConville, J. Garrity, M. Rollins, B. Burley, J. Elsesser
 SECOND ROW: P. Miller, C. Calderwood, S. Schlesinger, M. Sonntag, M. Owens
 FRONT ROW: J. Hochstatter, D. Keefe, S. Rave, A. Weiss



JOURNALISM STUDENTS EDIT HI-LIGHT WITH ROCKETING SUCCESS AGAIN THIS YEAR



QUILL AND SCROLL
BACK ROW: K. Emerick, C. Calderwood, J. Smith, C. Harmon
FRONT ROW: S. Rave, P. Miller, B. Schmidt

Of the students, by the students, and for the students—that's the Hi-Light! This year marks the 30th year of successful Hi-Light publication.

During the week, the journalism students were given one or two written assignments from their book, and the rest of the time was spent entirely on the paper. Mr. Stephen Warren was the adviser and instructor.

There was no editorial staff for the first few issues of the paper, as everyone tried his hand at writing. Soon after that, however, Mr. Warren appointed a staff composed of the following students: Carol Calderwood, News Editor; Judy Smith, Feature Editor; Jerry Auchstetter, Sports Editor; Barbara Schmidt, Make-up Editor; and Sharon Castle, Circulation Manager.

BACK ROW: T. Munson, K. Eichorn, B. Andrews, B. Bromenschenkel, J. Kleckner, C. Harmon, E. Kuehl, P. Whitmore
THIRD ROW: K. Emerick, D. Keefe, W. Rich, D. Kessel, R. Milazzo, H. Schlesinger
SECOND ROW: P. Miller, S. Rave, P. Bierwirth, N. Phalen, D. Keefe, J. Corcoran, M. Stevenson
FRONT ROW: Mr. Warren, adviser, B. Schmidt, J. Smith, C. Calderwood, S. Castle, J. Auchstetter (not pictured: D. Odle, L. Botts)



At the beginning of the year each student was assigned to a teacher. It was then his job to report to this teacher and ask for any class news he might be able to give. A slip signed by the teacher was to be turned in to Mr. Warren once a week.

Early in the fall the class entered a float in the Homecoming parade. The theme of the float was Trojans "Press" Ottawa. Cynthia Harmon was chairman of the committee. Serving under her were: Phyllis Bierwirth, Nancy Phalen, Judy Smith, Patti Miller, Pat Whitmore, Diane Keefe, Sharon Castle, Harold Schlesinger, Ronald Milazzo, and Kenneth Emerick.

The Senior Who's Who stories, Inquiring Reporter, and various other news and feature stories were written by different students in journalism, but there are a few regular columns that appeared in every issue of the Hi-Light. Here are a few of those columns and their writers: Trojan Talk by Don Kessel and Wayne Rich; Dust, It Covers Everything by Cynthia Harmon; Alumni and Fashion Column by Nancy Phalen and Bette Bromenschenkel; Plow Lines by Bill Andrews; and Library Corner by Merna Stevenson.

The news, sports, and feature editors were kept busy all the time assigning stories and making sure they were written and turned in to meet the deadline. The make-up editor was usually quite rushed Friday afternoon as she hastily labeled late copy. With the help of the circulation manager, we were able to secure new ideas from other school papers. School papers were exchanged with approximately twelve other schools this year.

Carol Calderwood and Judy Smith increased their vocabulary considerably as they proof-read all material published.

Probably the greatest honor befalling a journalism student is being elected to the Quill and Scroll, a national honorary society for journalists. A student journalist must meet the following requirements at the time: he must be a junior or senior; in the upper third of his class in general scholastic standing; be doing superior work in writing or editing; and be approved by the executive secretary of the Society. Chosen this year for the honor were: Cynthia Harmon, Carol Calderwood, Judy Smith, Barbara Schmidt, Sue Rave, Patti Miller, and Kenneth Emerick.

The journalism students have benefited greatly from their work in this class. They have learned much concerning correct English, spelling of words, and punctuation.

A great deal of credit goes to Mr. Warren who has advised us throughout the year.

In keeping with the tradition of having pictures to accompany stories in the Hi-Light, this method has also been chosen to illustrate our work for the year.



J. Corcoran covers her newsbeat, Mr. Gehler

J. Auchstetter, sports editor, (standing) advises W. Rich and D. Kessel as they write their column

P. Miller types her story

B. Schmidt, P. Whitmore, and P. Bierwirth enjoy the final product, The Hi-Light



DIVISION EDITORS

Art Editor Pat Ehlers, Senior Editor Carol Calderwood, and Homeroom Editor Jeanne Hochstatter (foreground) examine cover and layouts while Sports Editors Bill Andrews, Norman Ehlers, and Tim Munson write copy. Activities Editor Violet Korneman checks a progress chart, and Faculty Editor Sue Rave confers with Miss Breese, staff adviser.



SENIOR STAFF

Senior section, from History to Statistics was planned and produced by this group, plus Tom Driver: Mary Owens, Norma Herbert, Ralph Gibson, Donna Piller, Shirley McConville, Janet Welsch, Diane Keefe, Carol Calderwood (Editor), and Jeanne Hochstatter.

ATODNEM STAFFS WORK LONG HOURS TO PRODUCE YEARBOOK



ACTIVITIES SECTION EDITORS

Page Editors made up the Activities Section staff. They were, front to rear and left to right, Alberta Weiss, Debate and NFL; Yvonne Durand, Student Council and Homecoming; Bette Bromenschenkel, Staff and Student Help; Miss Breese, adviser; Sonya Killion, Cheerleaders; Janet Welsch, Senior Play; Dena Odle, Candid Snaps; Norma Eich, FHA; Judy Smith, Hi-Light; Ronald Milazzo, FFA; Sharon Castle, typist; Betty Gorman, Vocal Music; Ken Emerick, Speech Contest; Fred Damer, FFA; Violet Korneman, Music Festival and Contest and Section Editor; Jackie Powell, GAA; Lynn Spenader, Band

PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANTS

Mr. Blankenberg's helpers on his various trips were: Don Oberholz, Norman Ehlers, Jerry Sondgeroth, Ralph Gibson, Tim Munson, Violet Korneman, Jeanne Hochstatter, Sue Rave, Bill Andrews, Marjorie Campbell, Janet Welsch, and Carol Calderwood.

MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT STAFF

These are the people who kept the popcorn machine shining and helped to set up (and clean up) the concession stands each time. They were: Ronald Milazzo, Jack Etzbach, Norman Ehlers, Pat Ehlers, Lynn Spenader, Violet Korneman, Norma Eich, Bill Andrews, Don Oberholz and Bette Bromenschenkel.



FACULTY STAFF

Judy Smith, Barbara Schmidt, Doris Kramer, and Patti Miller were staff assistants to Editor Sue Rave.



HOMEROOM STAFF

Jeanne Hochstatter (center) was Homeroom Editor, and Mary Ann Sonntag and Charlotte Schlesinger were her staff assistants.



SPORTS STAFF

Associate Sports Editors Tim Munson, Norman Ehlers, and Bill Andrews were responsible for the entire sports section.



VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Alice Burkart, class treasurer, kept the books and paid all bills; Don Oberholz, president, was Distribution Editor, Finance Chairman, and Equipment Chairman; Pat Ehlers, vice-president, was Art and Feature Editor and created all division pages.



CANDID SNAPS STAFF

Amateur photographers who furnished candid snaps were: Pat Whitmore, Alice Burkart, Mary Jane Goubeaux, Judy Smith, Norma Eich, Evelyn Kuehl and Dena Odle, co-chairmen, and Edith Bradshaw, copy.



MECHANICAL ARTS STAFF

Carol Truckenbrod, with her assistants, Don Kessel and Jerry Auchstetter, prepared stacks of dummy pages for use by the other staffs.





Mr. Warren, director, with prompters, Charlotte Schlesinger and Mary Ann Sonntag.

SENIOR PLAY

Only An Orphan Girl

An Old-time Melodrama of Human Trials and Tribulations
in Four Acts

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

- Act I **The Farmyard** — "Ruined! Ruined!"
 Act II **The Barn** — "Marry me, and the mortgage shall be yours."
 Act III (Scene 1.) **The Farmhouse** — "Don't despair, Paw, it's not midnight yet!"
 (Scene 2.) **The Snowstorm** — "This time there is no escape!"
 Act IV **The Sawmill** — "You have balked me once too often."

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Arthur Rutherford (From the City) John Meyer
 Dick Perkins (A Clean-cut Farm Lad) .. Norman Ehlers
 Swen Perkins (His Father) Ralph Gibson
 Mrs. Perkins (His Mother) Janet Welsch
 Nellie (The Orphan Girl) Jean Bradshaw
 Ethel Rutherford (A Fair Stranger) Alberta Weiss
 Widow Appleby (A Neighbor) Evelyn Kuehl
 Lucy (A Ray of Sunshine) Shirley Jones
 Accompanist Yvonne Durand
 Prompters Charlotte Schlesinger and
 Mary Ann Sonntag
 Director Stephen Warren

INTERMISSION PERFORMERS

Octet: Ruth Ann Bauer, Sue Rave, Charlotte Schlesinger, Cynthia Harmon, Earl Finley, Bill Andrews, Jim Richardson, Jerry Sondgeroth
Girls' Quartet: Roberta Fuller, Sue Rave, Cynthia Harmon, Ruth Ann Bauer
Boys' Quartet: Earl Finley, Bill Andrews, Jim Richardson, Jerry Sondgeroth
Soloist: Duane Stevens

On November 18 and 19, 1954, the seniors presented their class play, staged and interpreted in the best traditions of old style melodrama — from wicked villian to mood music "rendered" on the piano. The audience was appreciative, and the entire production was a huge success, including the typical musical numbers and community singing between acts. The fact that ushers and all performers were in costume added to the setting and the mood.

Much of the credit for the success of the play should go to the director, Mr. Warren, and his two efficient prompters. A majority of the class members worked on one or more of the committees (stage construction and lighting, publicity, tickets, makeup, and ushers) under the director and the class advisers. Special thanks go to Mrs. Doenier (makeup), Mr. Gehler (settings), and Mr. Campbell (music).



The famous sawmill scene in the old mill barn



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1. Never, will I marry you!
2. Mid pleasures and palaces.
3. Curtain Call!
4. Hold still.
5. GONE!!
6. Good talent takes a bow
7. Look ok?
8. Put on your old gray bonnet.
9. All tired out.



SPEECH CONTESTANTS

BACK ROW: Mr. Koeller, A. Burkart, K. Emerick, P. Ehlers
 SECOND ROW: J. Hochstatter, D. Kramer, Absent: C. Calderwood
 FIRST ROW: S. Rave, J. Welsch, P. Miller, J. Kuehl



CONTEST PLAY

BACK ROW: Mr. Warren, director; J. Hochstatter and S. Rave, make up; M. Bansau and P. Whitmore, prompters
 SECOND ROW: J. Meyer, C. Chandler, W. Andrews, W. Burke
 FIRST ROW: H. Schlesinger, F. Stafford, Absent: C. Calderwood

SPEECH, DRAMA ROCKET TO FAME

SPEECH CONTESTS

With hard work and lots of help from Mr. Koeller, the speech contestants consistently received top honors at the speech contests this year.

Those who participated in this work were: Jean Hochstatter and Patti Miller, verse reading; Sue Rave and Janet Welsch, serious play reading; Carole Calderwood, original oratory; Doris Kramer, original monologue; Alice Burkart, extempe speaking; John Kuehl, after dinner speaking; and Ken Emerick, comedy play reading.

After the Freeport tournament where they had their first taste of competition, the contestants traveled to Geneseo for the conference tournament. At this contest Alice placed first; Patti, 2nd; John and Doris, 4th; and Carole, 5th.

Then at the district contest held at Dwight, Patti, Carole, and John placed 2nd, Janet and Doris placed 3rd, and Alice placed 5th.

On Saturday, March 26th, they attended the sectional tournament. Doris Kramer and Patti Miller rated fifth, and Carole Calderwood and John Kuehl won second place, enabling them to go on to state where they placed fifth.

CONTEST PLAY

The living room of an English house was the setting of the light comedy, "The Man In The Bowler Hat", which was selected by Mr. Warren to be the contest play this year.

After memorizing many lines and long hours of practice, the group traveled to Ottawa to participate in the conference tournament.

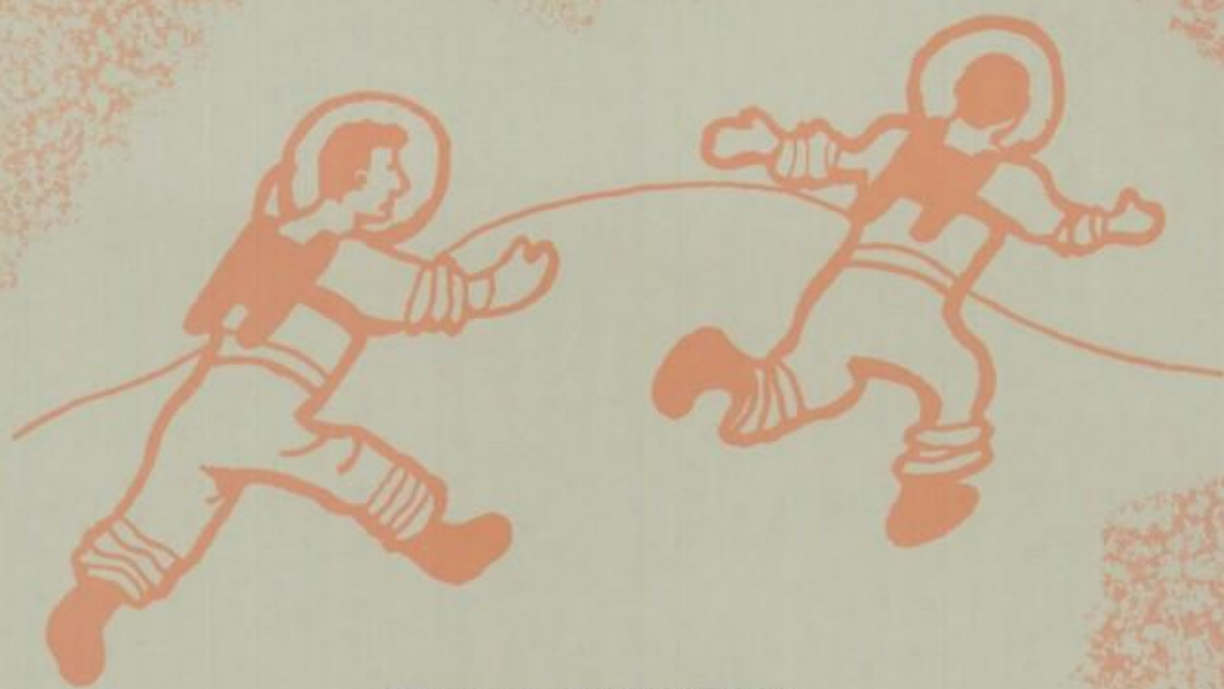
Then, after more work and more time, the cast and crew displayed their talents before the student body, where they received much enthusiastic applause.

At Thornton Fractional High School, the play was presented for the last time on March 26th.

The students were kept awake on the long, tiresome bus rides with games, jokes, and songs which were told by anyone and everyone on the trip.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Carole Calderwood	.....	Mary
Connie Chandler	.....	the heroine
Harold Schlesinger	.....	the man in the bowler hat
John Meyer	.....	the hero
Bill Andrews	.....	the chief villain
Bill Burke	.....	a bad man
Ferris Stafford	.....	John



CROSS COUNTRY



Pat E.

FOOTBALL

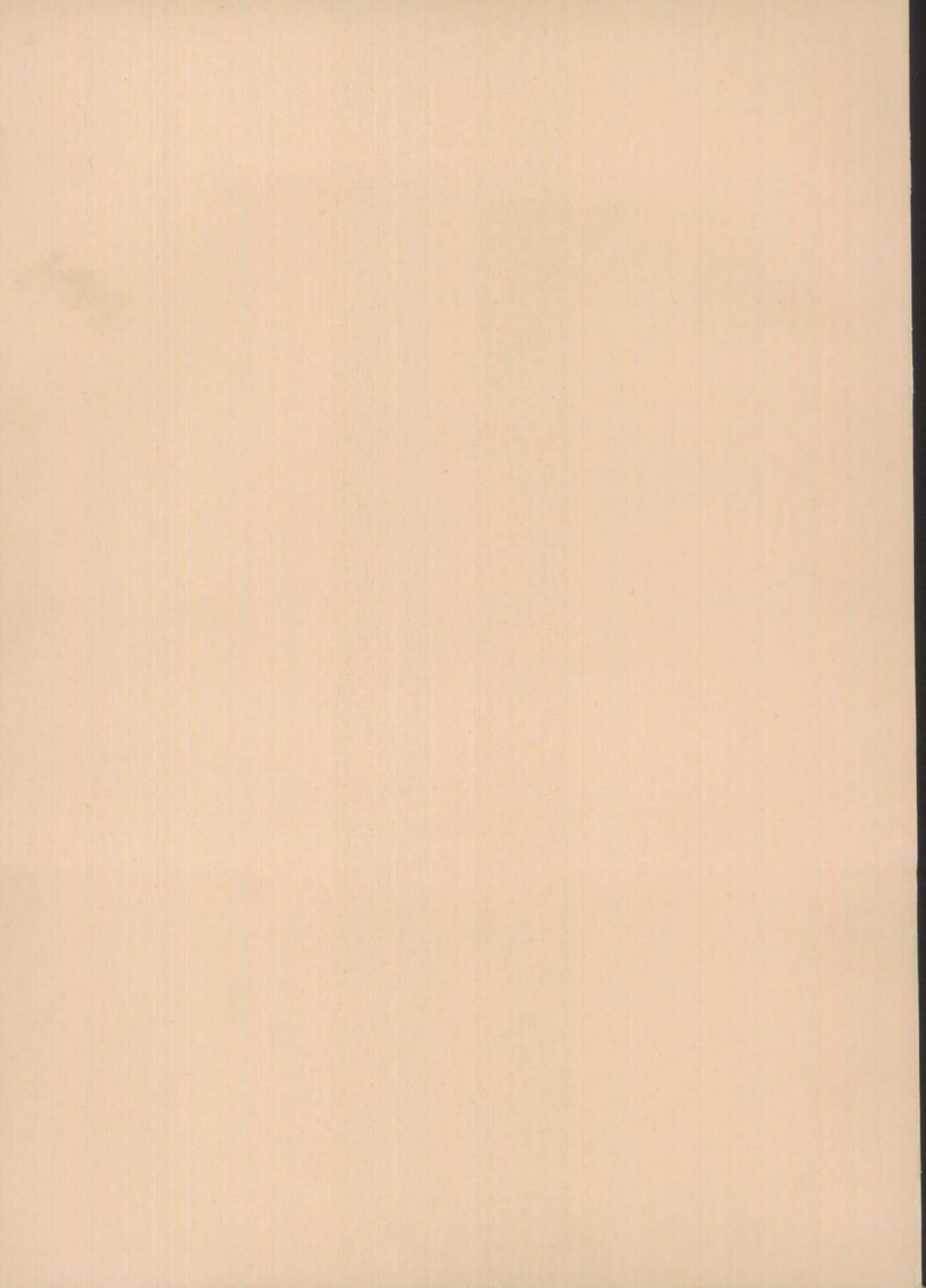
S P O R T S



BASKETBALL



TRACK





VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
Y. Durand, N. Dana, A. Vickery, M. Campbell, I. Bruck

OUR CHEERLEADERS HAVE PEP

VARSITY

"All set?" "You bet!" "Give us a 'T'." This is just one of the many new cheers led by our cheerleaders this year. There was a complete change in their style in comparison to other years. This new style came about after our cheerleaders attended the Cheering Clinic at I.S.N.U. in November.

The varsity cheerleaders this year were Yvonne Durand, Marjorie Campbell, Alfred Vickery, Nancy Dana, and Isabel Bruck. Whether the boys were winning or losing, they were always "Rooting for the boys."

Our cheerleaders represent our school and the school's spirit. We only hope that next year we can arouse as much interest in MHS sports as there was this year.

FROSH-SOPH

The frosh-soph cheerleaders this year were Karen Doenier, Carol Walter, Mary Hendrick (sophomores), and Sylvia Phalen (freshman).

They are a wonderful bunch of girls, and they have led the Jaytees to many victorious conquests. Whether they were on the road or on the home floor or field, they never stopped with their enthusiastic yelling.

They also produced a lot of new cheers and styles of cheering that added to our school's spirit. They made a wonderful showing and deserve part of the credit for the enthusiasm shown by the student body and the teams. They have all shown good sportsmanship and have added greatly to the fine reputation of MHS.



FROSH-SOPH
CHEERLEADERS

S. Phalen
K. Doenier
C. Walter
M. Hendrick



STANDING: Mr. Gore; Jim Corrigan; Dave Dewey; Jim Bader; Bob Eichorn; Dave Jones
KNEELING: Bill Burke; John Van Horn; Rich Althaus; Myron Hyde; Bob Saylor

CROSS COUNTRY INDIVIDUAL POINTS

Myron Hyde	104
Rich Althaus	84
Bill Burke	76
Bob Saylor	76
Bob Eichorn	71
Dave Dewey	70
Jim Bader	62
John Van Horn	58
Jim Corrigan	42

SCHEDULE

Sept.	12	at DeKalb
Sept.	28	Princeton Dixon-La-Salle
Oct.	8	Ottawa Invitational
Oct.	12	at Leland
Oct.	16	Sterling Invitational
Oct.	19	at Dixon Princeton
Oct.	23	Conference at Princeton
Oct.	30	District at Marseilles

CROSS COUNTRY

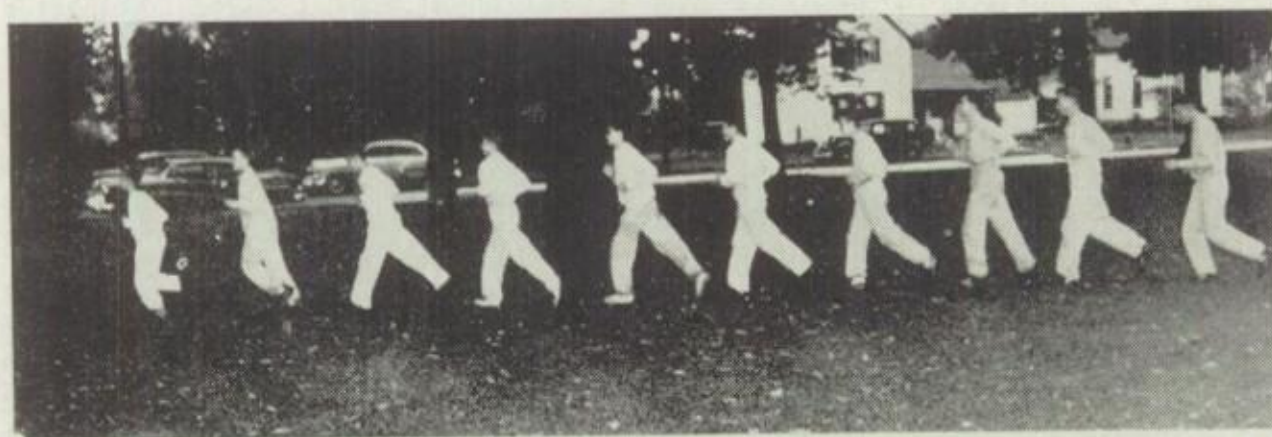
Nine men answered Coach Malcolm Gore's call for Cross Country runners this fall. Cross Country, which is only in its second year since its revival last fall at Mendota High School, can not be expected to compete with the major sports of the area. All of the boys out for the sport gained valuable experience for a strong team next year. The team as a whole did not win any meets this year, but, since they were all from the three lower classes, Mr. Gore expects them all back next fall. The team next year will be out to try and improve their record with a stronger team, but this will be a tough assignment with the rough competition in the North Central Conference.

Cross Country meets are judged on the point system with the first man across getting the

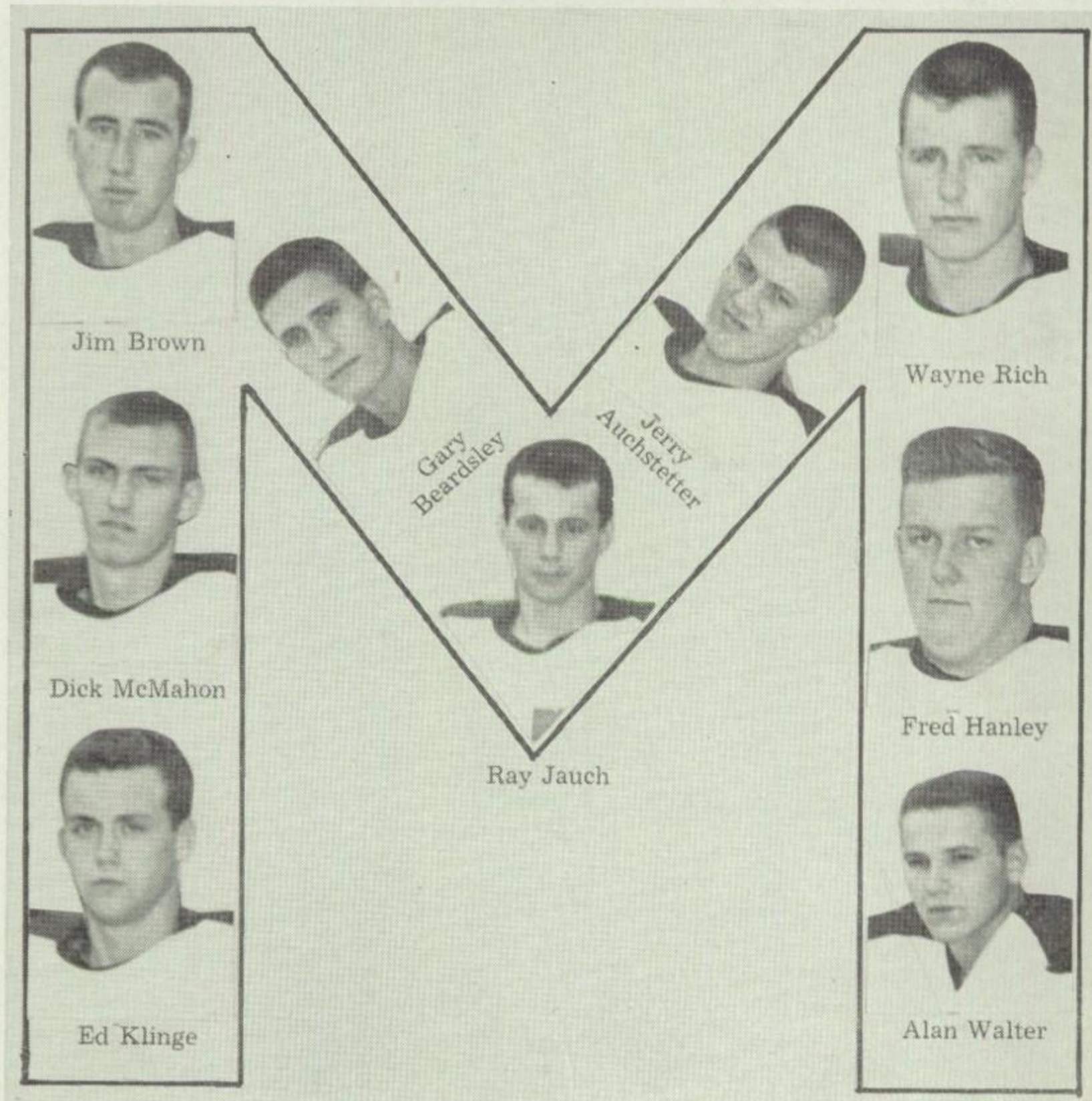
fewest points and so on down the line. The team with the lowest total wins the meet.

Points for awards are judged in a different manner altogether. The basis for awards follows:

1. 100 points required for a major letter.
2. 2 are given for each practice session attended (60 point limit).
3. 15 points are given for winning a dual or triangular meet.
4. 10 points for running in the top 10 of a dual or triangular meet.
5. 15 points for running in the top 10 of an Invitational, conference, or dual meet.
6. 5 points for running in the top half of any meet.



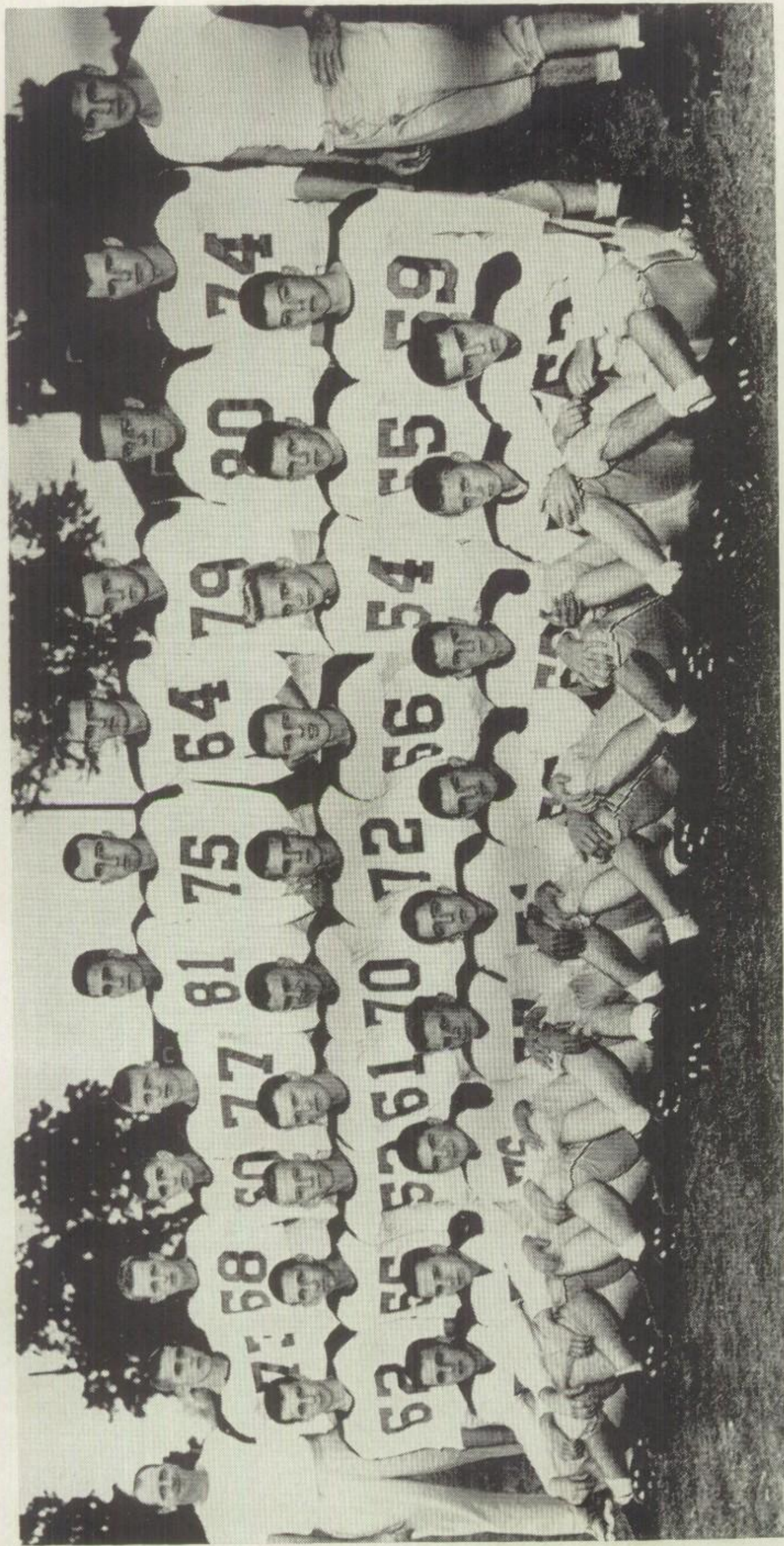
N.C.I.C. SELECTIONS



VARSITY FOOTBALL

JIM BROWN,

ALL-STATE



BACK ROW: J. Rollins, line coach; D. Oberholz, senior, back; C. Rider, junior, tackle; G. Inman, junior, tackle; J. Mealey, senior, end; G. Beardsley, senior, end; J. Brown, senior, back; R. McMahon, senior, end; E. Klinge, senior, tackle; F. Hanley, junior, guard; W. Rich, senior, guard; T. Lewis, head coach.

MIDDLE ROW: R. Jauch, junior, back; D. Kessel, senior, back; T. Munson, senior, guard; K. Gehler, junior, guard; J. Auchstetter, senior, center; J. McLaughlin, junior, tackle; B. Brown, sophomore, back; H. Schammel, junior, guard; E. Schlesinger, junior, back; J. Buntion, junior, guard.

FRONT ROW: D. Keele, senior, back; A. Walter, senior, guard; W. Andrews, senior, center; C. Frey, junior, tackle; B. Stremmlau, junior, end; D. Wood, junior, guard; B. Chaon, junior, back; P. Dubbs, junior, end; A. Goslin, junior, end.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD

TEAM STATISTICS

MENDOTA	Yards Gained	Rushing
2060	524	Yards Gained
524	149	Yards Lost
149	2435	Net Yards Gained
2435	80	First Downs
80	13	Fumbles
13	63	Penalties
63	625	Yards Lost By Penalties
625	100	Passes Attempted
100	43	Passes Completed
43	11	Passes Intercepted
11	19	Punts
19	26	Touchdowns
26	172	Total Points

THEY	776
776	422
422	271
271	927
927	52
52	22
22	28
28	220
220	85
85	28
28	14
14	39
39	7
7	47

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WE	THEY
46	2
26	0
12	6
41	6
0	19
14	0
19	0
14	14

NCIC STANDINGS

Southwest Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Mendota	3	1	0	.750
Rochelle	3	1	0	.750
Princeton	2	1	1	.667
Rock Falls	1	2	1	.333
Geneseo	0	4	0	.000
Northeast Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Sterling	4	0	0	1.000
DeKalb	3	1	0	.750
Ottawa	2	2	0	.500
Hall	1	3	0	.250
Dixon	0	4	0	.000

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	T.D.	E.P.	T.P.
Brown (Jim)	11	0	66
Jauch	9	3	57
Brown (Bill)	1	11	17
Kessel	1	2	8
Keefe	1	1	7
Beardsley	1	0	6
McMahon	1	0	6
Chaon	1	0	6

TACKLE CHART

NAME	MADE	MISSED	AWARD
Bill Andrews	2	0	Major
Jerry Auchstetter	34	4	Stripe
Gary Beardsley	27	4	Stripe
Bill Brown	41	3	Major
Jim Brown	55	4	Stripe
John Bunton	0	0	Minor
Bob Chaon	4	1	Major
Pat Dubbs	1	0	Minor
Clayton Frey	2	1	Major
Ken Gehler	8	0	Major
Art Goslin	2	0	Minor
Fred Hanley	35	2	Stripe
Gordon Inman	32	3	Stripe
Ray Jauch	26	2	Major
Dean Keefe	8	0	Major
Don Kessel	5	0	Stripe
Ed Klinge	47	3	Stripe
Jim McLaughlin	3	0	Minor
Dick McMahon	24	0	Stripe
Jack Medley	5	0	Major
Tim Munson	12	0	Stripe
Don Oberholz	0	0	Major
Wayne Rich	32	2	Stripe
Charles Rider	0	0	Minor
Elwood Schlesinger	6	0	Major
Bill Stremkau	2	0	Minor
Al Walter	23	1	Major
Denny Wood	1	0	Minor
Howard Schammel	0	0	Minor

CONFERENCE

INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE

PLAYER	GAINED	CARRIED	AVERAGE
Brown, J.	814	95	8.6
Brown, B.	102	16	6.4
Chaon	66	7	9.4
Jauch	684	79	8.7
Keefe	71	24	2.9
Kessel	61	21	2.9
Schlesinger	5	1	5.0

CHAMPIONS

TROJANS WIN TITLE FOR SIXTH STRAIGHT TIME

KESSEL AND BEARDSLEY, TEAM

With eleven returning lettermen from the 1953-54 squad and the able guidance of our two great coaches, Ted Lewis and Joe Rollins, the 1954-55 Trojans rolled to a 6-1-1 season. This makes the sixth consecutive year that the Trojans have won the conference championship, although they had to share the crown with Rochelle this year.

Don Kessel and Gary Beardsley were elected co-captains to lead the Trojans this year.

It all started on the unforgettable night of September 17. The Trojans traveled to St. Bede's "Mosquito Bowl" for their first game of the season. This proved to be a grand opening for the Trojans as they literally ran away with the game 46-2. Just about everybody got into the act with Jauch, Keefe, Chaon, Kessel and Jim Brown doing the scoring. Everyone got into the game from Mendota's bench. This kind of game is invaluable because it gives a lot of players actual game experience.

With the traditional battle the Trojans played host to the Hall "Red Devils" on Sept. 24. Each year this game is usually very close and is looked upon as the game of the week, but this year the Trojans showed superior form as they downed the "Devils" 26-0 and took them in the yardage department by 134 yards. Ray Jauch and Gary Beardsley did the scoring for the

Trojans with Jauch scoring 20 points and Beardsley 6.

With two down, the Trojans played an undefeated Ottawa team for their third game of the season. The Trojans got off to a slow start, with the Pirates jumping to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter. The second quarter proved to be twice as good for the Trojans as Jim Brown and Ray Jauch each scored to make a half-time score of 12-6 in Mendota's favor. In the last half neither team could manage to score and Mendota's Homecoming was a joyful one as they came out on top 12 to 6.

For their first conference game the Trojans traveled to Geneseo. They had a hard time starting, and things didn't look so good as Mendota was leading by a thin score of 7-6 at the half. The third quarter was just as bad with neither team being able to score. The last and final quarter was something to see, as the Trojans caught fire and romped over the Maple Leafs for 34 more points. No one seemed to be able to account for this sudden burst of life in the last quarter, but everyone felt better as the gun sounded a 41-6 victory for Mendota. Jim Brown tallied 24 points, while his brother Bill added 11. Ray Jauch also tunneled for 6. This was also Mendota's best night for yardage, as they totaled 448 yards.

Ray Jauch sneaked across on a fine deceptive opener and is shown with the ball quite a ways across the line, while Sterling is concentrating on action to the right of the line.



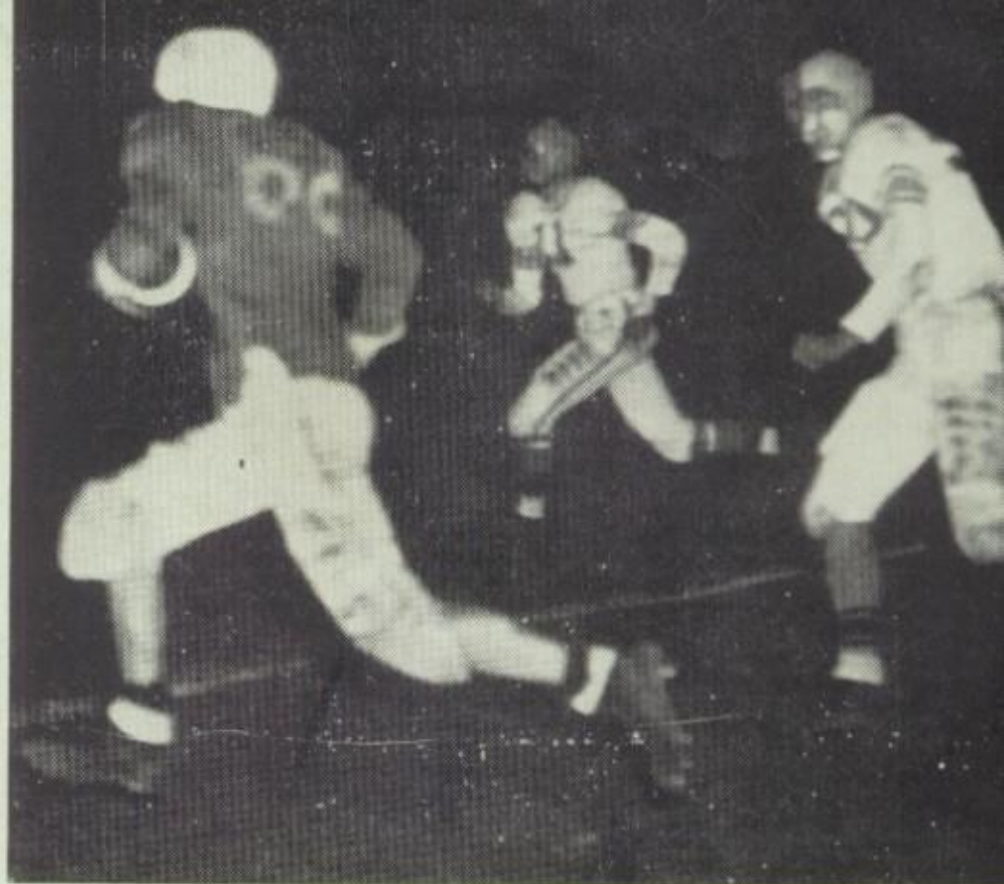
CO-CAPTAINS

The next week was again the Trojans' week to travel as they went to Rochelle for Rochelle's Homecoming. This was a night Mendota just couldn't click, and Rochelle was able to Capitalize on the slightest opportunity. Although Mendota won the game statistically, the final score showed Rochelle the victor 19 to 0.

On October 22, the Trojans met Rock Falls for their third conference game. The Trojans proved to be back in great shape and quickly racked up 14 points in the first quarter with Dick McMahon and Ray Jauch going over for 6 points apiece. Bill Brown booted the 2 extra points. The Trojans compiled 318 yards, with everybody getting a little game experience in their 14-0 victory.

The Mendota Trojans won their sixth consecutive N.C. title last October 29, by routing the Princeton Tigers 19 to 0. Princeton went into the game in first place with one tie and no losses, while Mendota went in tied with Rochelle for second place, both teams having one loss each. Rochelle and Mendota won that night; therefore they tied for first place. As you can see, the Trojans were really working under pressure, but didn't show it. Jim Brown ran 69 yards on the first play of the game for the Trojans' first T.D. Jim also scored two more times during the night, once in the second quarter and again in the last, while his brother Bill booted 1 extra point. The Trojans took the game statistically too, as they gained 274 yards to Princeton's 74, and had 9 first downs to Princeton's 4. Princeton's noted passing attack folded under the Trojan's excellent defense as they completed 2 passes for 13 yards. This really proved that Mendota's hard-charging line kept the "Tiger" backs worried and shaky all night.

The last and final game with Sterling will long be remembered by the Senior members of the Trojans; not only because it was the last game they played, but because it was one of the best they ever played as they tied the fourth-ranked team in the State, 14 to 14. Ray Jauch did the honors for the Trojans as he struck pay dirt twice for 12 points while Bill Brown really proved his toe by putting across the two extra points. Statistically the game was tilted slightly Mendota's way with the Trojans getting 263 yards to Sterling's 220 although Sterling had one more first down than Mendota. Sterling's boasted fine backfield and heavy line were matched play by play by the mighty Trojans.



Ray Jauch took Sterling's kickoff and behind excellent blocking raced along the left sidelines for 81 yards to Sterling's 10-yard line.

A pass to McMahon (64) was good for a first down during the first quarter of the Ottawa tilt. No. 66 is Bill Brown.



FROM FRESHMEN TO TROJANS

IN RETROSPECT ADDENDA

This year, with Sterling, the Mendota fans saw thirteen Trojans play their last game in high school. The last game of the season was a little tougher than those in previous years. For the last three years Mendota had found no trouble in trouncing the Morris Redskins, and the seniors playing their last game had a ball by playing any position on the field.

Sterling, who was undefeated up to this game, made it more interesting than in past years, as they gave the Trojans something to fight for in a 14 to 14 tie.

The seniors who played the last game of their high school career are as follows:

Bill Andrews	Dick McMahon
Jerry Auchstetter	Jack Mealey
Gary Beardsley	Tim Munson
Jim Brown	Don Oberholz
Dean Keefe	Wayne Rich
Don Kessel	Al Walter
Ed Klinge	

These boys, together with their teammates who are still playing or who have graduated,

won a total of 24 games, losing only 5 and tying 2 while in high school.

An interesting thing to look back on is the time when the boys of '55 were sophomores. They won the Frosh-Soph Conference and in doing so compiled a total of 129 points to the opponents' 0, and every boy on the Frosh-Soph team received a letter.

The boys are not to be given all the credit for the victories accomplished because playing the game is only part of winning. The other part of winning comes under the head of coaching, of which we had a superior force in Frosh-Soph Coach Lloyd Doenier, Head Coach Ted Lewis, and Line Coach Joe Rollins.

The 1954 Trojans also had a very helpful equipment manager, Mr. John Davies, who deserves recognition as one of the best. Last, but not least, all teams owe a great deal to the team managers. John Hood and Jim Hampson took care of their responsibilities very efficiently.

Our last and final request as graduating Senior Trojans is: BEAT ROCHELLE!

The MHS Trojans defeated Princeton, 19-0, Friday night, October 29, to share the southwest championship of the North Central Conference with the Rochelle Hubs. Jim Brown (75) recovered a Tigers' fumble which set up Mendota's second TD. Other Mendota players are: (57) Keefe; (74) Rich; (62) Jauch; (66) W. Brown.



JAYTEE FOOTBALL

The Jaytees led by Coach Lloyd Doenier started the season with a victory over the Sheridan school for boys at Sheridan. The Sheridan team fought all the way, but they did not have the strength to defeat the Frosh-Soph who won by a score of 12-4.

In the second game of the season the Jaytees took another hard fought game, this time from the junior Red Devils of Hall High School. They blanked the Spring Valley team 13 to 0.

Next they fought their way through a tough Ottawa team in the Homecoming battle. The Jaytees started a perfect night by taking the Corsairs 7-6.

The following Friday night we traveled to Geneseo and rolled over the Maple Leafs by a score of 27 to 7 in the first high scoring battle of the season.

Next our Jaytees bogged down at Rochelle, and the best they could do was a tie score. At the sound of the horn the two teams were deadlocked 6-6. The boys fought very hard to win this game, but they just couldn't overpower the Hubs. Just the same, they shouldn't feel ashamed of being tied by a fine team such as Rochelle had.

Next we were home to Rock Falls, and the Jaytees gave them a good trouncing by a score of 21 to 7. This gave them a conference record of 2 wins and one tie.

In the final conference game the Jaytees rolled over Princeton to give them a record of three conference wins and one tie for the season, and the mythical conference championship.

Next in a crossover game we traveled to Sterling for a game with the junior Warriors. The Jaytees put up a hard fight, but the Sterling team was not to be denied, and they won out 13-26.

In the finale our Jaytees romped to a victory over St. Bede by a score of 27-0. This closed out the 54-55 season and the junior Trojans ended up with a record of 7 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie for a very successful campaign.

On the starting team this year we had at one end Bob Ward, who was very capable on offense and played a very good defensive game. Not very many plays went around Bob's end.

At the other end we had two boys trading off. They were Bob Bradshaw and Jan Beardsley. Both of the boys were very good, and they usually traded on offense and defense, with Bob on the offense and Jan on the defense.

Next, at the tackles, we have Bob Bumba and Norm Fassig. These boys were big and rugged and did a very good job at holding up both sides of the line, which is one of the tackles' main jobs. Norm had the second highest tackles made, with a total of 36, one off the pace which was set by Ronnie Killion.

Tom Craine and Bill Walters were the starting guards, and both can be commended for their fine jobs, both offensively and defensively.

Completing the forward wall at the center position was Dave Wulf. Dave also played both offense and defense. On defense he played the line backer spot, as most centers do.

In the backfield at tailback we had Bill Dickey and Howie Becker alternating. These boys both played offense and defense, and they ended up just about even in yards carried and tackles made.

Then at fullback we had Ronnie Killion, the power of the back field. Ron not only led the backfield on offense, but he led the tackles made, as was mentioned before.

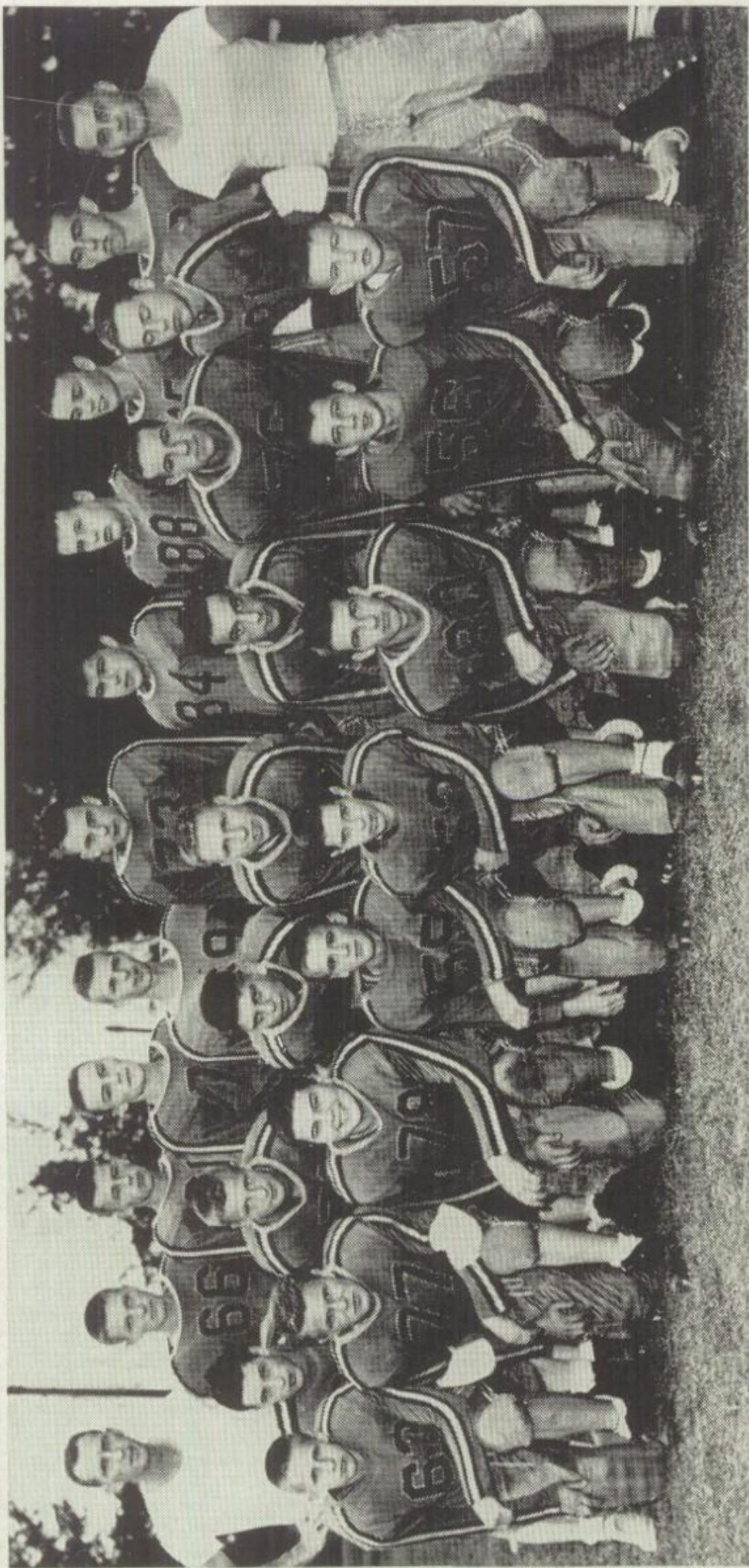
Again at the quarterback spot we have two boys alternating. They were Glen Truckenbrod and Jim Lobbins, and again both boys played offense and defense equally well.

Rounding out the squad we have Jim Boyle, who played the wingback position. Jim played fine all-around ball and would be good on anybody's team. He also was third in tackles made with 33.

Completing the squad we have Bill Aughenbaugh, Roland Faber, Jim Franklin, Bill Guilfoyle, Gary Jewel, John Kuehl, Frank Metzen, Gordon Miller, Bob Montavon, and Dave Pohl. All of the freshmen also dressed and went on all of the trips, and although none of them got into the game itself, they gave the other boys a lot more spirit.

Our boys did a fine job this year, and we should all give Mr. Doenier a hand for the very good job of coaching he did this year. Another thing that the boys on the Frosh-Soph team get, besides experience, is training in the fundamentals of football, and if it weren't for this we wouldn't have such fine Varsity teams as we do. Hats off again to Mr. Doenier, our Frosh-Soph coach.

1954 SEASON



BACK ROW: Coach L. Doenier, R. Faber, R. Dickey, J. Boyle, A. Merriman, J. Franklin, R. Bumba, G. Miller, R. Bradshaw, W. Guilfoyle, Coach D. Harshbarger.

MIDDLE ROW: J. Menzel, G. Truckenbrod, T. Craine, F. Metzen, R. Ward, R. Killion, D. Wulf.

FRONT ROW: J. Kuehl, J. Lobbins, N. Fassig, R. Montavon, D. Pohl, H. Becker, W. Walter, G. Jewel.

FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL SQUAD

FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL

TEAM STATISTICS

	Sheridan	Hall	Ottawa	Geneseo	Rochelle	Rock Falls	St. Bede	Sterling
Passes Completed	3	1	2	4	2	1	1	3
Passes Incomplete	6	8	7	3	2	2	2	5
Passes Intercepted	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Yds. Penalties	35	35	40	50	25	75	50	25
Fumbles	3	0	1	2	2	1	0	1
Extra Points	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1
First Downs	8	6	8	11	5	6	7	6
Yards Lost	19	3	6	12	15	1	1	16
Yards Gained	164	192	183	255	153	273	301	147

SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
Sheridan	12	4
Spring Valley	13	0
Ottawa	7	6
Geneseo	27	7
Rochelle	6	6
Rock Falls	21	7
Princeton	26	13
Sterling	13	26
St. Bede	27	0
Total	119	50

FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL TACKLES

	made	missed	assists	made	missed	assists
Bill Aughenbaugh	6	0	0	Gary Jewel	4	0
Jan Beardsley	12	0	1	Ronny Killion	37	0
Howard Becker	16	0	2	John Kuehl	1	0
Jim Boyle	33	0	8	Jim Lobbins	20	1
Bob Bumba	29	0	12	Frank Metzen	2	1
Bob Bradshaw	8	0	4	Gordon Miller	0	1
Tom Craine	17	0	2	Bob Montavon	3	0
Bill Dickey	17	0	8	Dave Pohl	0	0
Roland Faber	3	0	0	Glen Truckenbrod	16	0
Norman Fassig	36	0	8	Bill Walters	0	0
Jim Franklin	13	2	2	Bob Ward	30	3
Bill Guilfoyle	1	0	0	Dave Wulf	20	5

FROSH-SOPH WIN MYTHICAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FRESHMAN

TEAMS OFFER

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR WIDER

PARTICIPATION

Dean Harshbarger not only assisted Coach Doenier with the Frosh-Soph, but he had the job of coaching and teaching a group of inexperienced freshmen who were in a football suit for the first time. In Frosh football, the games do not count much to the school as a whole, but the most important thing is the experience and teaching the freshmen get on the fundamentals of the game. The freshman coach can make the difference between a losing or a winning season two or three years from now. If a boy is taught how to play the game right from the start, there is less chance for a mistake a few years from now.

The freshmen played a six game schedule this year playing such schools as Rochelle, Dixon, Spring Valley, St. Bede, DeKalb, and Princeton. They did not come out on top of the pile in their games this year, but as the old saying goes — "Look out for us next year."

SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
St. Bede	12	7
Hall	19	6
Rochelle	21	35
Dixon	6	19
DeKalb	0	33
Princeton	6	6

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

BACK ROW: Coach D. Harshbarger, T. Jacob, F. Wehmeyer, J. Hudak, J. Hessenberger, K. Vermillion, R. Slotter, D. Johnson, A. Near.

MIDDLE ROW: R. Bumba, S. Gehler, G. Pohl, G. Pohl, R. Higgins, J. Lines, R. Classon, H. Goebel.

FRONT ROW: R. King, J. Yohn, R. Jacob, H. Goslin, E. Betz, R. McLaughlin, L. Dewey.





BACK ROW: Coach Harshbarger, J. Hessenberger, B. Saueressig, G. Pohl, S. Gehler, T. Jacob, R. Classon
KNEELING: R. Bumba, J. Yohn, J. Hampson, H. Goebel, H. Goslin, Mgr. M. Huss

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

The freshman basketball team, led this year for the first time by Coach Dean Harschbarger, can blame Old Lady Luck for their not so good won-lost record of three wins and eleven losses. The very unlucky number thirteen followed the team around this year. They played a thirteen game schedule and also had thirteen men report for duty during the regular season. The freshmen practiced only when they could get the gymnasium, and this was only once or twice a week and on Saturday mornings.

Our Frosh got off to a supersonic start by turning back LaSalle-Peru 39-19 but then got on the wrong space lane and lost three in a row to St. Bede, Hall and Princeton. They roared over Rochelle by another large margin, as they did in the first game, and then got in the same trouble as they did after the first game by losing four in a row to Ottawa, St. Bede, another to Ottawa, and also to Hall. They ended their winning ways for the season with a victory over L-P, their second of the year. They then lost successive games to Amboy, Rochelle and Princeton.

Bob Saueressig proved to be the main rocket of our frosh team. He ended up with a point total of 125. He also led in free throws made with 25 and percentage of free throws made with a shooting average from the line of .750.

STATISTICS

PLAYER	fg	ft	tp	pf
B. Saueressig	50	25	125	31
R. Classon	15	10	40	16
T. Jacob	36	18	80	24
S. Gehler	33	22	88	33
H. Goebel	18	14	50	8
R. Bumba	37	5	79	9
H. Goslin	24	19	67	14
G. Pohl	4	1	9	4
J. Hampson	4	3	11	3
B. McLaughlin	1	1	3	7
J. Lines	0	0	0	1
J. Yohn	0	0	0	2
J. Hessenberger	1	1	3	5

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE

WE		THEY		WE		THEY	
L-P	39	19	Ottawa	29	81		
St. Bede	30	19	Hall	55	89		
Hall	38	48	L-P	59	46		
Princeton	61	63	Amboy	45	52		
Rochelle	72	37	Rochelle	32	43		
Ottawa	42	68	Princeton	24	61		
St. Bede	41	52					

MHS FROSH-SOPH

Many Sophs

The Mendota Jaytees were ably coached this year by our Frosh-Soph basketball coach, Ted Lewis. They compiled an 11 and 12 seasonal won-lost record and were 4 and 6 in the conference.

All of the games in which the junior Trojans went down in defeat were by very close margins. They were edged out by St. Bede 48-49, Princeton 58-62, Sterling 45-49, Rock Falls 59-62, Sheridan 56-58, and Amboy 44-59. They also lost several games by large margins, but these were to the toughest teams on the schedule.

The five boys that had the most regular positions on the Jaytee squad were Jim Boyle,

Ronnie Killion, Bob Bumba, Bob Bradshaw, and Jack Jacobs. Besides these five, Coach Lewis had an excited crew of boys on the bench who were always on hand when they were needed. These boys are the ones who make the first string what they are.

Jim "Red" Boyle, a sophomore, came up with the high point honors for the year. He had a total of 250. Jim's favorite shot was a fake and drive in for a lay-up. He scored many of his points on this shot. He played the guard position and was the playmaker of the team.

Next in line in the scoring department was Jack Jacobs, a sophomore transfer student who played for Paw Paw High School where, we

BACK ROW: Coach Lewis, H. Amfahr, B. Bradshaw, B. Bumba, B. Dickey, J. Jacobs, R. Killion
KNEELING: Mgr. M. Huss, G. Bryan, J. Boyle, H. Becker, J. Kilmartin, D. Wulf



BASKETBALL

see action on Jaytee team

understand, he combined with Bob Bradshaw, our starting center, to form a great scoring combination. Jack had a total of 228. His favorite shot was a jump shot from "out". Bob had a point total of 169 and was the Jaytees' top rebounder.

Bob Bumba played the other forward opposite Jack, and he had 144 points. Bob was a fine ball handler and rebounder and his favorite shot was a one-handed push shot from "out" or a jump shot from about 15 feet. He was free throw champ of the team with a 75% average.

At the other guard position opposite "Red" was Ronnie Killion. He scored 138 points to take fifth place in the scoring column. Ron had a good ability to bring the ball up the court, and he played all around good basketball.

At the Frosh-Soph tournament at Rock Falls the Jaytees again brought back the third place trophy as they did last year.

In the initial game of the season the junior Trojans were set back by the Earlville five by a score of 42-47. They then bounced back with wins over Marquette of Ottawa and Freeport before losing their fourth game to St. Bede.

They see-sawed through the next six games, losing to Marseilles, Sterling and East Aurora,

and winning over Princeton, Geneseo, and Hall Twp. Then they went on a winning spree of three games over Ottawa, Earlville, and Geneseo before losing one very close one to Rock Falls, winning over Neuman of Sterling, and losing another to DeKalb. The Jaytees' rockets then seemed to fade out as they lost their last four games to Sheridan, Rock Falls, Amboy and Dixon.

One factor that was definitely against the Jaytees was their lack of height. The tallest boy on the squad was only 5'10½". Not one of them could touch the rim of the basket, and this was a big drawback to the team.

The boys on this squad showed that they could play excellent basketball if they really put their minds and hearts in the game. Coach Lewis can be saluted for his fine job with these boys this year. A lot of hard practicing and teamwork out on the floor is what every ball-club wants, and if you will ask Coach Lewis he will tell you that his boys had plenty of spirit and fight all year long. Many hard workouts and endless practice made this team what it was this year, and these boys should prove to be very valuable to our Trojan teams next year.

RECORD OF A CLOSE SEASON

SCHEDULE

WE THEY		WE THEY	
Earlville	42 47	Ottawa	53 51
Marquette	57 44	Earlville	47 40
Freeport	50 49	Geneseo	58 43
St. Bede	48 49	Rock Falls	59 63
Marseilles	53 50	Neuman	61 43
Princeton	58 62	DeKalb	54 66
Sterling	45 49	Rochelle	59 70
Geneseo	59 46	Sheridan	56 58
East Aurora	49 69	Rock Falls	42 58
Hall Twp.	47 34	Amboy	44 59
Marquette	83 57	Dixon	56 84

STATISTICS

Name	fg	ft	pf	tp
J. Boyle	87	56	51	250
H. Amfahr	12	19	37	43
R. Killion	51	36	58	138
B. Bumba	43	53	36	144
B. Bradshaw	62	45	35	169
J. Jacobs	83	52	57	228
H. Becker	15	10	18	40
J. Bryan	12	7	20	31
D. Wulf	35	37	51	107
B. Dickey	4	11	12	19
J. Kilmartin	4	3	4	11

JR. VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dean Harshbarger seems to be one of the busiest coaches we've had around this school in quite some time. In addition to his other coaching chores he took the job of training our Junior Varsity squad. For those of you who do not know what the Junior Varsity is, the J. V. team is made up of all those boys who did not get on the first eight of the Varsity team. Those on the squad this year were Duane Mealey, Pat Dubbs, Ken Gehler, John Van Horn, Art Goslin, Bob Chaon, Elwood Schlesinger, Keith Eichorn, and Bill Brown who played only two games before he graduated to the first eight. Also on this squad were several Frosh-Soph boys who did not get to play regularly. The games were played on Saturday mornings and sometimes on week nights. They were usually preceded by the freshman games. They gave the boys valuable experience for next year as all were juniors with the exception of Eichorn. Also, these games gave the boys a chance to play since they all rode the bench for the biggest share of the regular games.

All of the teams on the schedule were teams that were played by the Varsity during the season. Many of the teams dressed men that were playing the biggest share of the Varsity games. Our Junior Varsity, as did the other minor teams, had a losing season this year. Their record of one win and eight losses is not very commendable, but the experience gained

was worth the price of defeat. On the schedule were teams such as Ottawa, L-P, Princeton, Rochelle, and Amboy. Our only win came against the second string of Amboy High School.

High point man for the Junior Varsity was Ken Gehler who had a 47 total or 5.2 per game average. You will see if you glance at the statistics that the scoring was distributed very evenly throughout the team, and the reason for this is that Coach Harshbarger substituted freely in every game so that each boy could gain that much more experience. Bob Choan led in free throws made with 17 and Ken Gehler in field goals with 17.

STATISTICS

PLAYER	fg	ft	tp
Mealey	11	12	34
Dubbs	9	7	25
Gehler	17	13	47
Van Horn	13	9	35
Goslin	10	12	32
Chaon	12	17	41
Schlesinger	4	5	13
B. Brown	14	5	33

SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY		WE	THEY
Ottawa	52	63	Ottawa	47	60
L-P	40	92	Amboy	63	31
Princeton	41	94	Rochelle	46	75
Rochelle	41	47	Princeton	50	64
L-P	27	69			

Mabs presented annual banquet for teams and coaches



VARSITY BASKETBALL



STANDING: Coach Doenier, D. Kessel, B. Brown, R. Jauch J. Brown, G. Beardsley, D. McMahon, G. Auchstetter, J. Sondgeroth, Asst. Coach D. Harshbarger
KNEELING: K. Gehler, J. Van Horn, D. Mealey, B. Chaon, K. Eichorn, E. Schlesinger, A. Goslin, P. Dubbs, Mgr. J. Hood

STATISTICS

Name	Position	Att.	FG Made	Pct.	Made	FT Miss	Pct.	PF	TP	Game Av.	Reb.
D. McMahon	F	453	187	.413	145	55	.725	101	519	19.1	400
J. Brown	C	140	52	.371	46	63	.422	89	150	5.5	195
G. Beardsley	C	195	97	.497	64	53	.547	56	258	9.5	251
D. Kessel	G	328	127	.387	48	30	.615	75	302	11.5	109
R. Jauch	F	269	117	.435	81	65	.555	110	315	11.6	160
B. Brown	G	99	25	.253	27	15	.643	45	77	2.9	56
J. Van Horn	C	16	8	.500	1	2	.333	8	17	.6	14
G. Auchstetter	F	50	9	.180	6	11	.350	17	24	.9	41
J. Sondgeroth	G	144	46	.319	24	23	.511	22	116	4.3	39
All Others		15	2	.333	4	3	.667	18	8	.3	20
Totals		1703	670	.392	446	320	.582	541	1786	66.1	1285

VARSITY SCHEDULE

WE		THEY	WE		THEY
67	Earlville	53	84	Ottawa	54
54	Marquette	60	81	Earlville	66
70	Freeport	60	64	DeKalb	32
72	St. Bede	58	84	Von Steuben	56
58	Marseilles	65	51	Rochelle	63
75	Princeton	83	77	DuSable	67
75	Amboy	44	65	Rock Falls	58
41	St. Bede	29	79	Amboy	63
75	Serena	60	69	Dixon	75
46	Princeton	76	57	DePue	52
57	Sterling	65	61	La Salle	53
85	Geneseo	70	61	Princeton	82
58	East Aurora	63		Totals	1635
61	Hall	61			
59	Marquette	60			

Won 16

11 Losses

KESSEL AND MCMAHON, TEAM

Our 1954 and 55 Mendota Trojans proved that with a lot of teamwork a team can accomplish quite a bit. The team this year came up with a commendable record of 16 wins and 11 losses.

The Trojans opened the season with an easy win over the Earlville Red Raiders. The team chalked up its first win by a score of 67 to 58.

Our second game opened the season on the home floor, the opposition for the night being the strong Crusaders from Marquette of Ottawa. Marquette went home with the win, but not without a fight from the Trojans. The score of the game was 60 to 54.

This year many of the games were played on Saturday nights instead of Tuesday nights

as they have been previously. The first Saturday night game of the year was played on December 4. The opposition for the night was the Freeport team, and we sent this team home with a defeat by the score of 70 to 60.

The third win of the season was over St. Bede. The Trojans outscored the Bruins 72 to 58.

After the game on December 10 many of the Trojan fans were very disappointed. It seems that quite a few thought that the referees won the game for the Marseilles team, but they call them the way they see them, and the Mendota team came out on the short end of a 65-58 score.

Joe Ruklick of the Princeton Tigers brought his teammates to Mendota on December 17 and outplayed the Trojans 83 to 75. Joe was the finest player that any of the Mendota players came across all year long as they will tell you.

On December 20th, Mendota was host to its annual Christmas Tournament. They put on a fine exhibition of basketball and walked off with the championship trophy for the second straight year. In the first game the Trojans walloped Amboy 75 to 44, and in the championship game they set back St. Bede by a score of 41 to 29.

After a week of vacation and hard practice the Mendota Trojans traveled to Ottawa and the Marquette Holiday Tournament. They turned back Serena in the first game 75 to 60 but ran up against the mighty Princeton Tigers again and were sent home with another loss 76 to 46.

On the road after the Holidays the Trojans traveled to Sterling where they lost a tough one 65 to 57.

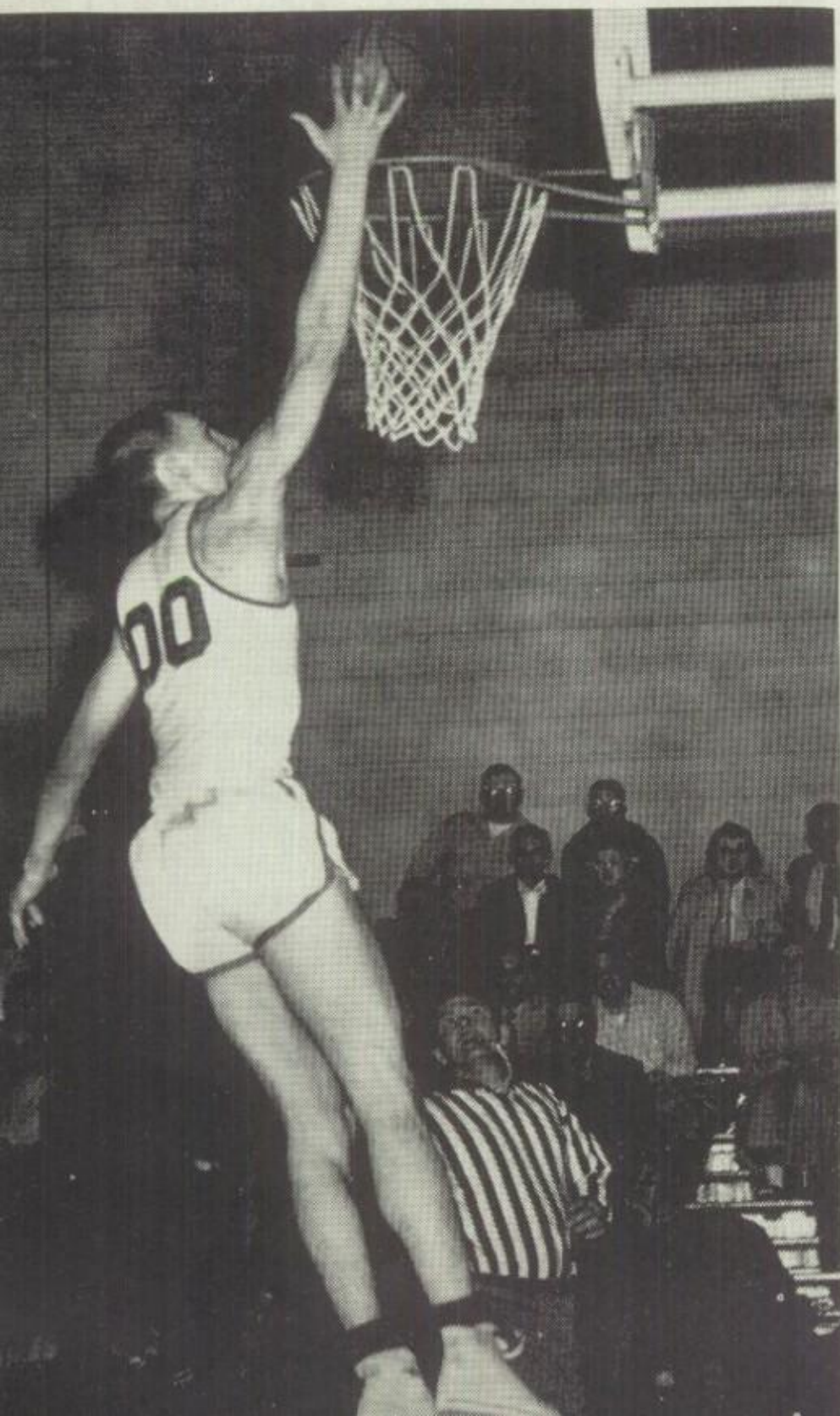
The next two games were held at home against Geneseo and East Aurora. Geneseo was easily overpowered 85 to 70, but the Aurorans were not to be denied and went home with a 63 to 58 victory.

On January 22 the Trojans were hot after the Marquette Crusaders and had the victory in their hands until the last second when the opposition tipped one in to go ahead 60 to 59. The Trojans had no time to get another before the horn sounded.

The Trojan team that traveled to Rochelle was in poor shape physically, due to the flu bug, and Mendota lost to the Rochelle Hubs 63 to 51. This is always a hotly contested game, and to lose it was a disappointment to the team and fans.

DuSable of Chicago rolled into town for a game on February 12. They were not as flashy as they were in last year's state tournament and were downed 77 to 67.

Dick McMahon scored 74 points in the three games at the La Salle sectional. Dick was also second high scorer in the North Central Conference competition.



CO-CAPTAINS

Mendota won two in a row on February 18 and 19. They beat Rock Falls 65 to 58 on Friday night on the home floor. The following night they clipped the Amboy Clippers 79 to 63 at Amboy.

In the last game of the regular schedule, the team was upset by the Dixon Dukes, who were last place in the conference. The final score was 75 to 69, a tough one to take for the Mendota boys. But they still had the Regional Tourney and past games were forgotten.

The first night of the tournament the Trojans were pitted against the Little Giants of DePue in the biggest game of the first round. The DePue lads were turned down 57 to 52, but they were a scrappy team all the way. The only thing that held down the Mendota score was the ball control game played by the Little Giants.

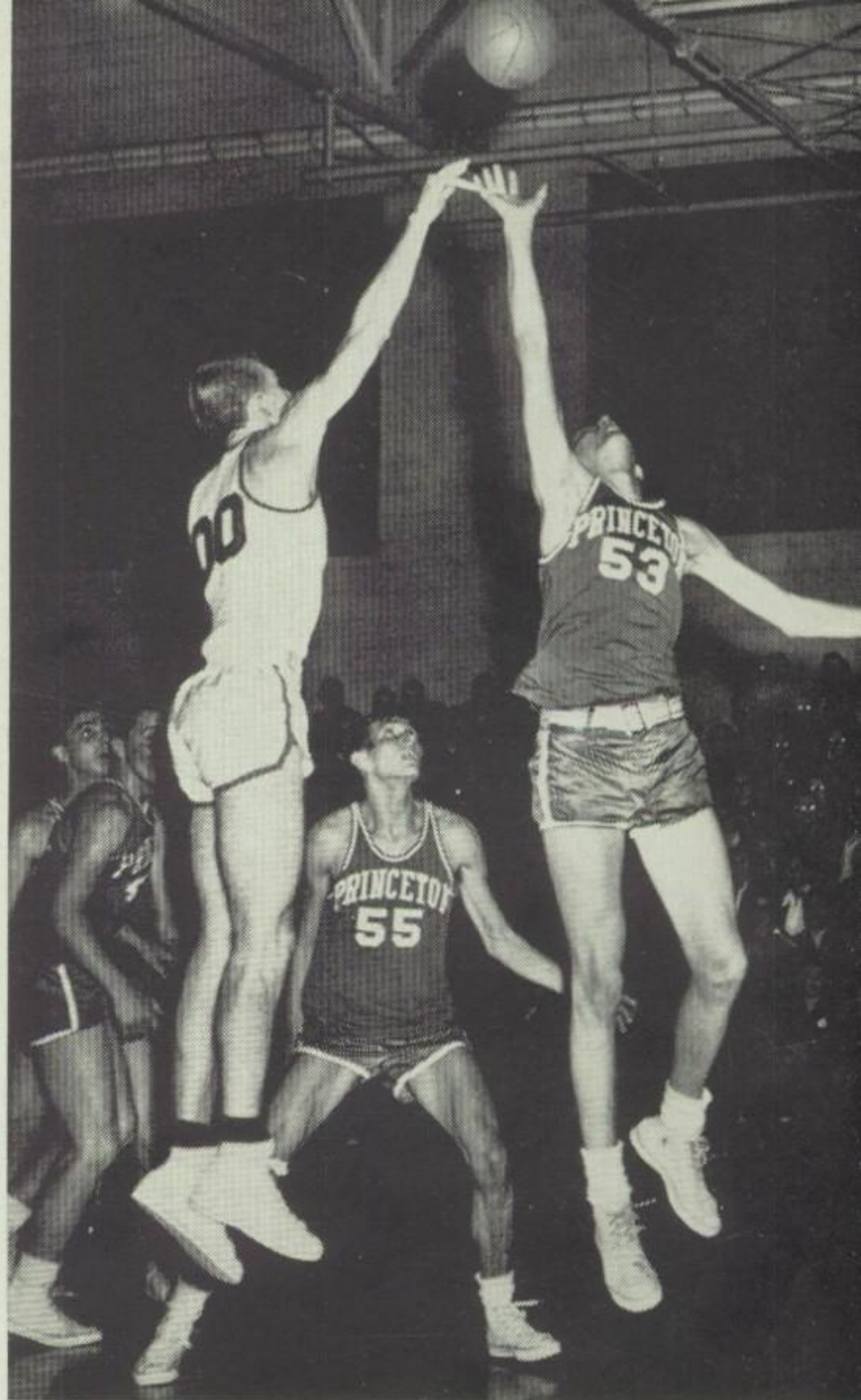
In our second game of the tourney we played one of the teams we have been waiting to play for some time, L-P. It is always a thrill to meet — and defeat — a large school. Everyone was happy that we came out on the long end of a 61-53 score.

In the final game of the tournament we met the Princeton Tigers for the third time, and the less said the better. The Tigers were a mighty team and overpowered us 82 to 61. They went on to take the Sectional and also fourth place in the State Tournament at Champaign.

Dick McMahon was the big gun of the Trojan team for 54 and 55. He had a total of 519 points to lead the Mendota squad and to take second place in the conference scoring. Dick won a berth on the first string all-conference team and also received special mention on the all state team. He was a very capable shooter and rebounder. He was equally effective on every type of shot he took. He had a very good two handed set shot and could jump shoot or dribble in for a lay-up just as well. He could dribble and shoot with either hand and this proved very effective in getting past many of his opponents.

The second highest scorer was Ray Jauch with a 315 total. Ray was put at the forward position this year instead of guard where he had played previously. He was a fine rebounder and was a splendid shooter. He was very good at a one handed push shot, a jump shot or a drive in. Ray who is only a Junior will be back again next year to help make a strong team.

At the center position this year we had two fine ballplayers alternating. They were Jim Brown and Gary Beardsley. Both of these boys were tall and made very good rebounders. Their most effective shot was the tip in. Jim and Gary both graduate this year and their



Dick McMahon scoring two of his 33 points against the Princeton Tigers. Dick's total set a new MHS record. Attempting to block the shot is the famous Joe Ruklick.

height will be missed very much next year.

The playmaker of the team this year was Don Kessel who played one of the guard positions. Don was a very good ball handler and was dead at either the two handed set shot or the one handed jump shot.

Jerry Sondgeroth played the other guard. Jerry was also a good ball handler; his favorite shot was the one handed jump shot.

Don Kessel and Dick McMahon were picked as co-captains to lead the Trojans through the 1954-55 season, the last season for Dick McMahon, Don Kessel, Jerry Auchstetter, Gary Beardsley, Jim Brown, Keith Eichorn, and Jerry Sondgeroth.

With many of the boys gaining experience on the Junior Varsity and with the boys coming up from the Frosh-Soph team the 56 Trojans should have a fine team.

TYPICAL SHOTS

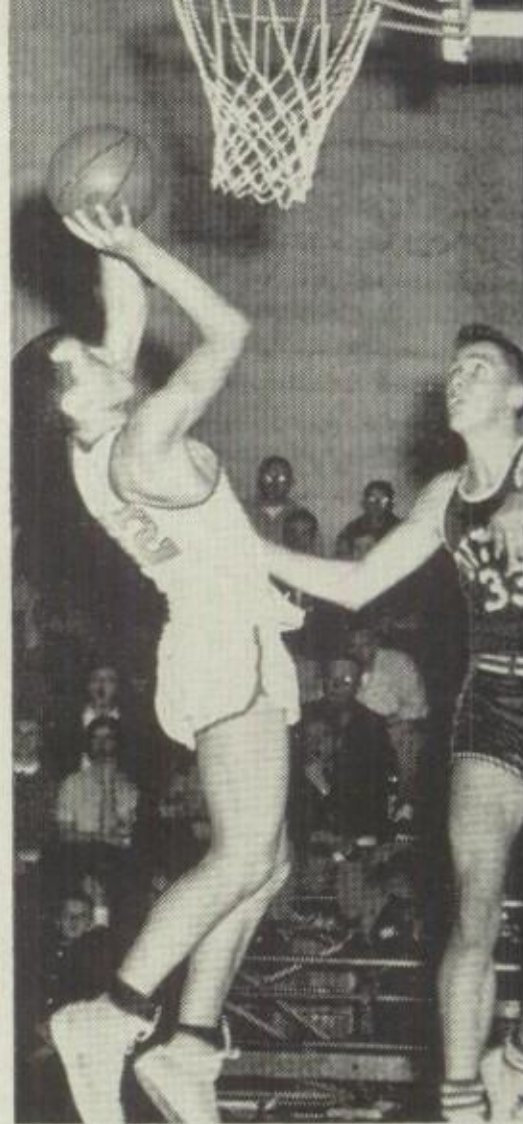
Lower Left: Jerry Sondgeroth scoring a difficult shot in fourth period action.

Center Left: Jim Brown scoring in the final period to make the score read 58-43 in favor of the Trojans.

Center Right: Don Kessel scored the Trojans' two final points just before the final buzzer sounded, giving Mendota a 70-60 victory over Freeport.

Lower Right: Beardsley's shot failed to score in the fourth quarter with the score tied at 47-all.

Upper Right: Ray Jauch's basket in the third period put Mendota ahead by 48-34 score against the Ottawa Pirates.





BACK ROW: Coach Lewis, H. Jackson, G. Wulf, C. Truckenbrod, B. Chaon, B. Sauer, B. Boyle, A. Goslin, Coach Doenier
 THIRD ROW: D. Smith, R. Jauch, J. Faber, J. Brown, D. Kessel, B. Brown, B. Stremlau
 SECOND ROW: D. Schwingle, D. Morrow, G. Beardsley, N. Ehlers, C. Howarth, E. Klinge, K. Gehler
 FRONT ROW: J. Hood (mgr.), B. Montavon, M. Hyde, H. Becker, J. Kuehl, R. Althaus, J. Beardsley

TRACK

1954 TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Team	Place	
April 9	LaMoille	Mendota	Varsity
13	LaSalle Relays	LaSalle	Varsity
20	Ottawa, Princeton, Mendota	Ottawa	Varsity & F-S
23	Marquette, Marseilles and Mendota	Mendota	Varsity & F-S
24	Normal Relays	Normal	Varsity
27	Southwest Conference Meet	Princeton	Varsity & F-S
29	Spring Valley & Mendota	Mendota	Varsity & F-S
May 1	DeKalb Relays	DeKalb	Varsity
7	District Meet	Ottawa	Varsity
11	Rock Falls	Mendota	Varsity & F-S
14 & 15	State Meet	Champaign	Varsity
18	Rochelle, Dixon, Mendota	Mendota	Varsity & F-S
21	Conference Meet	Sterling	Varsity
22	Conference Meet	Princeton	Frosh-Sophs



Norm Ehlers threw the discus 137' 3" to win first last year at the Hall-Mendota meet to break a former school record of 136' 10". In the current season Ehlers has broken his record with a throw of 158' 1".

THREE SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN

Mendota opened their 1954 track season on April 9, 1954, with a dual meet with La Moille. The Trojans came out of the meet with a 83-20 victory, capturing 11 first places, 9 second places, and 4 thirds.

The Trojans came out in third place in the La Salle Relays. Princeton was first with 40 points; La Salle-Peru had 37; and Mendota had 28½. Mendota captured firsts in the 280 H.H. relay, 440 yd. relay, and the discus.

The third meet was a dual meet with Ottawa, frosh-soph and varsity. The frosh-soph won their meet by 1/3 of a point, 70-2/3 to 70-1/3. The varsity thin-clads were beaten 67½ to 50½. Due to two inches of water on the track and a very slippery and muddy field no outstanding marks were achieved. The Trojans brought home firsts in the 70 yd. H.H., ½ mile, mile, discus, and the shot.

Following the Ottawa meet, the Trojans clashed with Marquette and Marseilles and easily walked away with a decisive victory — Mendota with 75, Marseilles, 42, and Marquette with 29 for third. Firsts for Mendota were Truckenbrod in the 120 H. H., Brown in the 100 yd. dash, Howarth in the ½ mile, Schwingle in the pole vault, and McMahon in the high jump.

Mendota entered the big Normal Relays and came out with Schwingle tying for third place in the pole vault and taking third in the two mile relay.

Following the Normal Relays the Trojans, on April 27, journeyed to Princeton to take part in the Southwest Conference Meet. Mendota came out in third place with 42 points. While Princeton won with 67½, Rock Falls was second with 46¼, Rochelle fourth with 29½, and Geneseo fifth with 24½. The meet proved to be a series of record breaking events. New Conference records were set in every event except four. Mendota's only first was in the high jump with Dick Morrow going 5' 9¾". Seconds were won by Schwingle in the pole vault, Harmon in the broad jump, Ehlers in the discus, the 880 relay team, and the mile relay team.

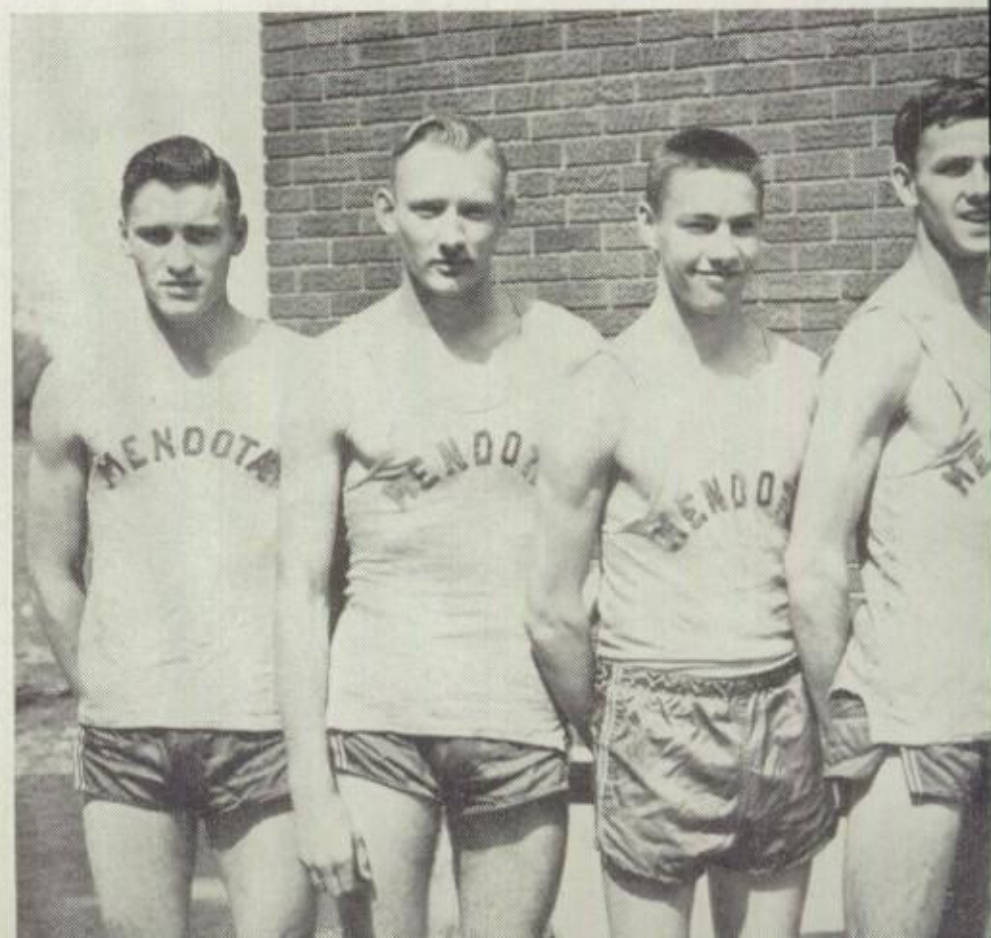
On April 29, the Hall Red Devils, frosh-soph and varsity teams, came to Mendota but returned home with a definite defeat. Both Mendota teams won by fifty points. Ray Jauch was high point man for the frosh-soph with 13 points. In the varsity meet Mendota captured firsts in all but four events, seconds in all but three events. A new school record in the discus was set by Norm Ehlers with a hurl of 137' 3", breaking the old record of 136' 10" held by "Spike" Hawke.

Mendota again took part in the DeKalb Relays and came out seventh out of a field of twelve schools. Sterling, always a definite power in track, easily walked away with first place. Mendota's only first was Ehlers in the discus. Other places were won by Harmon in

1954 Mile Relay Team: (left to right) Hugh Jackson, Dick Morrow, Gary Wulf, and Charlie Howarth. They broke the former MHS record of 3:41 with their time of 3:36.8.

LETTER WINNERS

Major	Minor
Gary Beardsley	Bill Stremelau
Jim Brown	
Norman Ehlers	
Jim Faber	
Charles Harmon	
Charles Howarth	
Hugh Jackson	
Ray Jauch	
Edwin Klinge	
Dick McMahon	
Dick Morrow	
Duane Schwingle	
Dick Smith	
Curt Truckenbrod	
Gary Wulf	



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the broad jump, Schwingle in the pole vault, McMahon and Morrow in the high jump, and the mile relay team.

On May 7 the Trojans went to the District Meet at Ottawa. The winners here would have a chance to go to the State Meet and compete. Six Mendota Trojans came out victorious, Ehlers in the discus, Howarth in the 880 yd. run, and Jim Brown, McMahon, Faber, and Harmon in the 880 relay.

Rock Falls was Mendota's next opponent with the Trojans coming out second best. Mendota having firsts in the 880, pole vault, broad jump, high jump, and discus.

On May 14-15 the important State Meet of the season took place. Ehlers, although he set a new school record with a hurl of 140' 9½", failed to get into the finals. Howarth in the 880 also failed to place although he gave one of the best performances of the year. The 880 relay team like its fellow teammates failed to get anywhere. McMahon, due to serious illness, was forced to remain home so Ray Jauch took his place.

The Trojans in a triangular meet with Dixon and Rochelle came out second best to Dixon but defeated Rochelle 50-39. Mendota had 3 firsts, 6 seconds, 1 third, and 5 fourths.

The last track meet in the 1954 season was the North Central Illinois Conference Meet held at Sterling. Jim Brown was third in the 220 yd. dash, Howarth was second in the 880, the mile relay team was third, Schwingle was fourth in the pole vault, and Ehlers first in the discus. Mendota came out fourth with Sterling first, Princeton second, and Dixon third.

In the current season Mendota has participated in four meets as we go to press. The first was the Sterling indoor meet with Mendota fourth out of twenty schools. The Trojans' first home meet was with Marquette, which was an easy victory for the Trojans. Bill Brown, a soph., putting the shot 49' 8½", was short about five inches of the school record.

The Trojans again took part in the La Salle Relays and came out with another third. On April 26, the Southwest Conference meet was held at Princeton, and Mendota came out with a three way tie for first place with Geneseo and Princeton. Outstanding individual performances were turned in by Jim Brown, running the 100-yd. dash in 10.2 and Norm Ehlers, who set a new school record and conference record with a throw of 158' 1".



Dick McMahon clearing the bar at 5' 6" to win first at the Mendota-Hall meet.

On May 3, the Trojans had a dual meet with the Dixon Dukes at which two more records fell. Jim Brown ran the 100 in 10.2, tying the school record. Jim Brown and Dick McMahon both ran the 220 in :22.8, breaking the former record of :23.

The Trojans journeyed to the DeKalb Relays and took second place out of 32 schools, bringing back a second-place trophy for the first time in many years. Dick McMahon broke the broad jump mark with a jump of 21' 4¾", compared to the former school record of 21' 3". So far this '55 season four records have been broken.

TRACK RECORDS

100 yd. dash	:10.2	L. Reeder 1938 D. Westerman 1948 A. Richards 1949 J. Brown 1953 & 1955
220 yd. dash	:22.8	J. Brown 1955 D. McMahon 1955
440 yd. dash	:51	D. Serup 1948
880 yd. run	2:01.7	C. Howarth 1954
Mile run	4:40	R. Larkin 1941
120 yd. H.H.	:15.6	P. Faber 1948
200 yd. L.H.	:22.4	D. Westerman 1947
180 yd. L.H.	:21.6	C. Truckenbrod 1953
Pole Vault	12'3"	W. Hawke 1947 S. Champ.
High Jump	6'1"	L. Dunn 1952
Shot Put	50'1"	E. Peasley 1953
Broad Jump	21'4¾"	D. McMahon 1955
Discus	158'1"	N. Ehlers 1955
880 yd. relay	1:34.2	Brewbaker, Faber, Serup, Westerman 1948
Javelin	200'	D. Whitmore 1939 S. Champ
Mile Relay	3:36.8	Jackson, Morrow, Wulf, Howarth 1954



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1. I'm waiting for Santa Claus right here.
2. Mother said I should have worn shoes!!
3. Just one big happy family.
4. Too bad the hot dogs were forgotten!
5. I got the wrong costume.

6. Why do they call them slumber parties?
7. You just think they're someone else's legs!!
8. Things we don't go through for a picture.
9. One, two, three — kick!!

